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No. 1.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

A Detachment of about 50 Men is intended to be embarked tomorrow morning on board a Sloop for Deve Cotah with orders to stand into your road on purpose to give passage to the Officers who were lately sent to you and are to proceed to Camp, this I am ordered by the President & Council to communicate to you and to desire that those Officers may be ordered to hold themselves in readiness to go off as soon as the Sloop appears in sight, and that you may not be mistaken in the Vessell the Commander will be ordered to fire a Gun & make a Whif in the Ensign as a Signal.

Fort St. George
the 7th. Janry. 1754.

I have the Honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Humble Servant

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 2.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

A Detachment of 54 Europeans is now embarking on board the Sloop Salangore Capt. Edwd. Bibb whose Orders are to stand into Fort St. David Road to take in several Officers and then proceed to you, this Sir I am ordered by the President & Council to acquaint you of and to desire that on his Arrival you will order the whole detachment to be landed and give them the best accommodation you can and immediately advise Major Lawrence of their Arrival at the same time forward the enclosed Letter to him and wait his Directions in regard to the Disposition of this party.

Fort St. George
the 8th. Janry. 1754.

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

Jos: Du Pré.
Secry

No. 3.

To Captain Edward Bibb
of Sloop Salangore.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are required to repair on board your Vessell and receive on her a detachment of fifty four European Military on Account of the Hoñble Company whom you will accommodate in the best manner you can, after they are on board you are with all convenient Speed to proceed to Fort St. David Road and as soon as you arrive within such a distance as that a signal may be distinctly observed from the shore, fire a Gun and make a Whif in the Ensign and lye to in the Road where several officers are ordered to come on board you, as soon as this is done you are to loose no time, but proceed directly to DeveCotah where on your Arrival you will deliver the accompanying Letter to Mr. Charles Hopkins the Chief of that Settlement and follow all such orders as you shall receive from him for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 8 Janry. 1754.

Signed by order of the President & Council

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 4.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have considered the report you sent Us some time ago of your Military Stores and can only recommend to you in general to let such of them be substantially repaired as will admit of it, and apply the materials of the others to such uses as may turn most to advantage.

We have two Letters from you of the 28 Decr. and one of the 4th. Instant which We shall now answer as far as they require it.

We accept of Mr. Bairds resignation of our Hoñble Masters Service and have no objections to his coming hither when he thinks proper in order to prepare for his passage to Europe.

On looking into the Accounts you sent Us of the Articles to be wrote off in your Books to profit & Loss there appears no less a profit on Bale Goods than Pags. 3844–8–78 of which Pag. 2135–24–24 is the produce of Salampores middling alone, we cannot conceive how this should arise and desire you will send Us an Account sale of these goods for our Information as expeditiously as possible that your Books may be closed, We shall then give you directions how to write off the several other Articles. Those is the Storekeepers and Military Storekeepers Accounts also require an explanation, it is certain they are liable to Rust breakage and Wastage but yet they cannot be totally lost, what remains of them may be returned to some use and in that case should not be wrote off, give Us such information in these particulars as may enable Us to judge.

If Mr. Perceval is desirous of continuing in the Military Service and will exert himself in it, We have no objection and he may do duty in your Garrison for some time.

The Case of Sheeva Gonga really deserves attention, if upon enquiry you find the Allegations in her petition true she should have a reasonable satisfaction and we can recommend no better way of procuring it for her than by stopping out of Gautakes Monthly allowance so much as you may think sufficient without distressing him.

The President has acquainted Us that he is informed some means have been used by the French Emissarys to seduce Gautake with an intent as is supposed to set him up for King of Tanjore and by that means create civil

Broils in the Kingdom, which might be of dangerous consequences, to prevent it, let him be confined in such manner however that it may be as little irksome to him as possible, We are also informed there are schemes forming to procure the escape or enlargement of Rangopunt, be watchfull and guard against it in the best manner you can.

We are

Fort St. George
the 9th. Janry. 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 5.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen,

By Letters lately rec'd from Mr. Westcott and Mr. Andrews We are informed that the French have obtained Cowles from Salabad Jing for the Rajahmundrum and Chicacull &ca. Countrys, We are more concern'd than surprized at this event when we consider what Influence they have at Aurungabad by means of their Troops the possession of these Countrys will put it in their power greatly to hurt the Company's Investment & We imagine they will lose no opportunity of doing it, Our Forces are but barely sufficient to make head against the Enemy here which puts it quite out of our power to send you any Assistance, you must therefore be passive & intermeddle as little as possible in the Country Affairs that neither party may have any pretence to distress you, but if any of the Companys possessions should be invaded or their Rights infringed defend and protect them to the last extremity and don't fail to protest formally against the French for every Hostile act. The Nabob and Rajah have both applied to Us for our Assistance it is not prudent to refuse them tho' we can gratify neither, and yet we would willingly appear a friend to both without making any direct promise, we shall therefore write them that in return for the friendship we have rec'd from them we should readily comply with their request but at present we are unwilling to make any detachments from our Forces in this Country, because We have sanguine hopes by pursuing our late Successes shortly to put an end to the trouble which will the better enable to assist our Friends.

Enclosed is Duplicate of our last with a Duplicate Letter to the President and Council of Bengal which We desire you will forward expeditiously.

We are

Fort St. George
the 12th. January 1754.

Gentlemen
Your affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

N°. 6.

To Foss Westcott Esq[r]
President at Ingeram.

Sir

The Charles Schooner arrived here the 31st. of last month, and brought Us your Letter of the 24 and Duplicate of another dated 6 Decem[r]. the Original whereof, with the Severall Accounts is also since received.

We plainly perceived from the beginning of the troubles that the views of the French were to get possession of the whole Coast for themselves and have used our utmost Endeavours to prevent so pernicious a design, but your last Letter convinces Us that their Forces with Salabat Jung may command any thing, as they have succeeded in getting Cowles for the Rajahmundrum Chicacull &c[a]. Countrys, We do not doubt but that they will use every means in their power to distress our Factorys & prejudice the Companys Investment. We have received Letters both from Jaffer Ally Cawn and Viziaram Rause desiring we will assist them with our Forces, it is not in our power to gratify either of them and all that can be done under the present unfavourable circumstances is to wear the face of friendship with them both and answer their Letters in ambiguous terms, tell them it is the Characteristick of the English Nation to bear a grateful remembrance of favours received and to make proper returns that our Arms have been attended with success in these parts and we are now on the point of giving the finishing Stroke to the Troubles in the Carnatick, that done, We shall convince the World that we are mindfull of our Friends and will protect them against the attempts of their Enemys. We are very sensible you are not nor can we put you in a condition to act offensively, your care therefore must be to defend as far as you are able the Companys Rights and possessions should they be invaded and protest formally against the French for every attempt of that sort.

Inclosed are Duplicates of our last with Bill of Loading and Invoice of the Scarlet Cloth and Match you indented for which you will receive by the Charles Schooner also Letters to the Nabob & Rajah with Translations for your perusal.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 12 Jan[ry]. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

List of the Packet to Ingeram ℘ Charles Schooner.

No. 1. General Letter dated 12th. January 1754.
2. Duplicate Do. 24th. Decemr. 1753.
3. Invoice of Sundrys laden on the Charles Schooner for Ingeram.
4. First Bill of Lading for Do.
5. Letter to be forwarded to Nabob Mahomed Mohayen Cawn.
6. Letter to be forwarded to Viziaram Rause.
7. Translation of the Letter No. 5 to Nabob Mahomed Mohayen Cawn.
8. Translation of the Letter No. 6 to Viziaram Rause.

Fort St. George 12th. Janry. 1754.

Jos : Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 7.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

Your last Letter of the December has confirmed what we have long had reason to fear would happen, the Situation of Salabat Jings Affairs are so precarious and the assistance of the French Troops so necessary to support them that their late acquisition is not to be wondered at, but tho' we foresaw the evil we had not the means to prevent it, nor is it now in our power to apply a remedy, the unfortunate quarrel between the Nabob and Rajah has given them an opportunity thus far to gain their point which they will doubtless improve by every means in their power to the prejudice of the Companys Investment and Factorys, it will be felt at all of them, but your Situation alarms us the more as your residence at Bandarmalanka is only on sufferance and you are in no condition to defend yourself if attacked nor can we spare any assistance from hence that could do you any material service, we shall endeavour to send you a few men by the return of the Vessell that brings us your Bales. In case of disturbance we would have you continue at Bandarmalanka as long as you may think it safe, and then retire to the Companys Factory at Madapollam, both Jaffir Ally Cawn and Viziaram Rause have applied to Us for Assistance, tho' tis impossible for Us to grant them any yet it may not be prudent to let them know it, on the contrary we shall acquaint them, and would have you do so when you correspond with them, that our great success in these parts incline Us to bend our whole force against the Enemy that we may the sooner put an end to the troubles in this Country, which we are in hopes of effecting very shortly and shall then shew our friends how sensible we are of the favours received from them by lending our assistance against their Enemys. Let your Letters be worded as evasively as possible, make no direct promises to any but endeavour to keep on good terms with all, and if the French should at any time directly or indirectly invade or infringe the Companys Rights and possessions don't fail to protest formally against them and advise Us immediately of your proceedings. This Sir is all we can recommend to you on the present occasion, and rely on your best endeavours for our Honble Masters Service.

Enclosed are Letters for the Nabob and Rajah with Translations for your perusal, also Duplicate of our last.

Mr. George Dolben takes passage to Ingeram on the Charles Schooner and from thence will proceed to you as an assistant in the room of Mr. Heath, he has been paid his salary to the 25 Septemr. diet Money to the end of this month and also the usual allowance for travelling charges.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 12 Janry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 8.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We are to answer your Letters of the 8th. 14th. and 18th. Instant.

Mr. Hopkins at Deve Cotah writes Us the Companys Sloop Dragon is there ready to be dispatched by the first favourable wind to Us, should she arrive here within a few days We shall immediately send her to you with a Lack of Rupees and the Sundry Articles you have indented for, but if in the mean time any other good conveyance can be procured we shall make use of it.

We observe by the Account of Salampores middling you sent Us how the difference arises, it is so considerable that We were at a loss how to account for it, and tho' in the end it makes no real difference in point of profit to our Honble Masters, yet this method of Invoicing your goods at so much more than they actually cost, may make them appear dear at home if the reason should not be attended to we would have you in future value them upon sorting nearer to the price at which they are received from the Merchants.

We are not all satisfied with the reasons you give for the deficiency in the Stores Civil and Military, for as we mentioned to you before it seems improbable to Us that the Articles in your List can be annihilated, a List should be sent Us every year enclosing your Books of such stores as are become useless and an account of the real wastage & Rust &ca. that the former may be sold and the latter annually wrote off acquaint Us under whose management these deficiencys happened that we may recover the amount, they must therefore be carried forward in your new Books but the other Accounts you sent us in your Letter of the 28 Decemr. may be wrote off to Profit and Loss.

The deficiencys in the Salt Petre & Gunneys to Chesterfield and Bombay Castle were omitted to be recovered of the Commanders of those Ships but have since been paid for and we shall therefore credit your Settlement for the amount but this being a subsequent transaction will be an article in your new Books & has nothing to do with those of 1752 in which the difficiency must be wrote off to profit & Loss, As to the Tarpaulins you will observe by the enclosed Account for what purpose they were issued here, such of them as were actually used in the Companys Service must be wrote off to profit and Loss, and the value of the others unless they are produced must be received of the several persons to whose use they were delivered here.

The Stewards Account remains you sent Us up in Novemr. 1752 is so different from that in our books that it would be to no purpose to send you the list you desire, the time will not now admit of adjusting this Account with accuracy let it therefore be carried forward to your Books 1753 as it now stands.

We do not see any reason for allowing diet money to the Bengal Officers besides Batta and therefore cannot consent to that Extraordinary expence.

We can take no cognizance of Capt. Holfords Petition as we have no authority to interfere in matters of property and We can only advise him to apply to Mr. Merrigcot an Attorney of the Mayors Court, who we are informed is attorney to Messrs. De Mare and Murphy and as such his direction may be a sanction to Captain Holford.

We shall send you some Matrosses for your Laboratory.

We have found some inconveniencys in bringing to Account the difference of Batta on Pagodas advanc'd for the disbursements in the several employs, to avoid which effectually in future let a sufficient sum in fanams be always advanced for the use of each employ, so that there may be no occasion for exchanging of pagodas, and let the Compy. be duely credited for all Batta.

We observe that you have no particular head in your Books for the Charges of washing the Compys. cloth but that you carry it directly to charges Merchandize this is irregular, in future let a head be erected in your books for the washers, Debt them regularly for the money advanced and credit them monthly for the cloth they bring in.

There has been some mistakes in the Acct. sortments of Vizagapatam Cloth enclosed a two Invoices, on the back of which the Gentlemen of Vizagapatam desire a perfect Account Sortments may be endorsed, when you have done so, we desire you will return them to us.

A Duplicate Account, to go home by the Durrington, must be sent Us of the Ordnance Shot Shells &ca. mounted and in Store at your settlement and Deve Cotah.

Our Honble Masters Ships Dragon arrived here the 21 Instant from Bengal and we shall shortly dispatch her to the West Coast, we are in daily expectations of the Durrington that her detention may be as short as possible take every good opportunity that offer of sending us your Bales and give no more cloth to the wash than you are sure can be cured in time as We have rather chuse to send it home brown than keep the ship or be put to difficultys to compleat her Tonnage.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 23d. Janry. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 9.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

The Information you have given Us in your Letter of the 12 Instant in relation to Mr. Flaction is satisfactory and we have ordered a Commission to be drawn out for him as Ensign, he has not lost any Rank, those who have had Commissions engaged themselves as Voluntiers before him.

In the manner you state to Us the objection your Bound Renters make to the quantity of paddy ground allowed the Polligar by his Cowle We are inclined to think it must be a mistake, We shall inform ourselves of the King of Tanjores people what was customary in former times, and give you our directions in consequence.

Our Orders for recalling the party from PallamCotah were positive, We make no doubt of the Polligars pressing Solicitations, it is his Interest but the detention of that detachment a few days can be of very little service to him in collecting the grain and we do not think it adviseable to spare them from your Garrison till the Harvest is got in, the most We can consent to is that the party remains there till the breach in the Fort is repaired, which ought to have been done immediately, and before you withdrew it, insist on being paid the full charges of the expedition, if the Polligar has a due sense of the service done him he will not hesitate.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 23d. Janry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 10.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Honble Masters Ship Dragon arrived here the 21st. Instant and brought us your favour of the 27 Decemr. which We beg leave to omit answering particularly at present.

We addressed your Honour &ca. by pattamar the 24th. Ultimo and lately forwarded a Duplicate which will inform you of our Situation fully, and the little reason we had to expect a re-establishment of peace, we cannot yet flatter ourselves with more sanguine hopes tho' Mr. Dupleix has agreed to a Conference and the Commissary on his part and ours are just met at Sadrass to concert ways & means of restoring tranquility, but from what has passed by Letter between Mr. Dupleix and the President we see no probability of reaping the happy fruits we wish, on the contrary our whole dependance must be on our Military Force, the great consequence of having them commanded by an able chief is so obvious that it has induced Us to acquaint Collonel Scott We think it will be doing our Honble Masters an acceptable service if he could come to

our assistance, without a remarkable prejudice to their affairs under your Honour &ca. management, our reason for taking this Step now is that the great fatigue Major Lawrence has undergone by being constantly in the field has so much impaired his health that we were not without apprehensions lately of loseing him and even now it is doubtfull whether he will be able to continue in the command much longer, this consider'd we don't doubt but your Honour &ca. will readily agree to Coll. Scott's coming hither by the first good conveyance, if the plans he may have formed with you can any ways admit of it.

The Cuddalore Sloop arrived here two days ago from the Negrais and brought Us the News of Mr. Hunters death, the rest of the people were but sickly so that what Artificers your Honour &ca. may have sent to Egmore will be very acceptable.

We propose in a few days to dispatch the Dragon to the West Coast and by her shall forward the packet you enclosed as well as the box packet you sent Us for our Honble Masters by the Speedwell.

We are

Fort St. George — Honble Sir & Sirs

the 24 Janry. 1754. — Your most Obedient humble Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 11.

To Caroline Frederick Scott Esqr.

Sir

Notwithstanding the superiority of the Enemy in Numbers the successes that have attended our Arms since you left us have been so remarkable that they might give us flattering hopes of bringing to a happy conclusion the war that has so long raged in this Country were we not well convinced of the insatiable Ambition and spirit of those whom we oppose, a spirit which appears to Us so fixed and determined that we have no hopes of ever obtaining any reasonable terms by negociation and must therefore place our whole relyance on the force of Arms. Under such Circumstances you are perfectly sensible of how great moment it is that the Army should have an able Commander in Chief. We are sensible that our Honble Masters primary view was the fortyfying of Bengal, but they have acquainted us too that in case of any accident to Major Lawrence you were to have the command in Chief of all their Forces in India. The fatigue of a long Campaign have not without reason inclined Us to wish we could with prudence give Major Lawrence some respite especially as his health has suffered considerably from constant Duty, so much indeed that we are apprehensive it will not be in his power much longer to keep the field, and tho' we do not mean to reflect on the capacity of any of our Officers yet we must do Major Lawrence the justice to say we should be sensible of the loss if that were to happen. We should not think we did justice to our Honble Masters if we omitted to acquaint you of our apprehensions, at the same time we are persuaded you have their Interest so much at heart that it is needless for us to desire your presence here, you will we are assured hasten to our assistance if the plans you have formed at Bengal can admit of it without manifest prejudice. We have acquaint'd the Honble President & Council of this our Application to you, that you may jointly concert your measure accordingly, but

before we took this step we consulted with Major Lawrence that no difficultys might arise on your arrival with regard to the Command, a Copy of his answer comes inclosed for your perusal.

We are
Sir
Your most humble Servant

Fort St. George
the 24th. Janry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 12.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have three Letters from you to answer one of them dated the 26 and the others both of the 31st. Ultimo since ours of the 7th. which you acknowledge we wrote you by Pattamars the 11th. & 12th. Ultimo and 12 Instant, a duplicate of the last accompanys this.

We have sent to Fort St. David the copies of Invoices you enclosed to us for them, which with those for our Warehousekeeper when properly endorsed we shall return you, and have no manner of objection to pur[suing] this method in future.

If Collonel Scott should come hither without touching at your Settlement We shall consult with him about the proper method of carrying on your works and give you our directions in consequence.

You may acquaint the Rajah of our readiness to oblige him with the hundred (100) Barrells of Gun powder he desires tho' we cannot spare such a quan[tity] without some inconvenience as our own demands are large.

Our Hon'ble Masters are always indulgent to those who meet with unavoidable misfortunes in their service. Mr. Mauls case we really think entitles him to their Indulgence. We therefore approve of your allowing him Fifteen Pagodas a month which may be continued, and as soon as his health permits We would have him proceed hither.

We should have been better pleased if you had not detained the Porto Bello Sloop for our further advices, as her early arrival at the Negrais was of consequence chiefly on Account of the Military, if she should not have sailed before you receive this put on board her as much Rice, Doll, Ghee and other kinds of provisions as she can take in and dispatch her immediately to the Negrais with the detachmt. the Cuddalore Sloop arrived here from thence two days ago and brought us the news of Mr. Hunters death, Mr. Henry Brooke now has the charge of that Settlement, forward the enclosed to him with the proper vouchers, and Advices of what you may lade on the Porto Belli. We purpose very shortly to dispatch the Cuddalore to the Negrais with orders to touch at your Settlement to take in a loading of such kind of provisions as the Porto Bello, and we give you this notice that you may prepare accordingly.

We approve of your paying the detachm^{t}. intended for the Negrais by the Porto Bello, let your Train be paid from the 1st. of this month agreable to the regulation enclosed, the stoppages do not regard the Company's Accounts your Military Paymaster must therefore set[tle] [it] with Capt. Maskelyne & Brohier.

By the Enclosed Duplicate of what we wrote you the 12th. Instant you will be fully informed of our sentiments on the present posture of affairs [in the] Northern Provinces we hope and have some reason to believe a reconciliation will take place between the Nabob and Rajah, the former has certainly shewn a great regard for the English and if We may judge from his letters, is determined to oppose the French as far he is able the Rajahs inclining to them at present seems to Us designed to answer his present purposes rather than from any attachment to their party, this time must discover, your policy at present must be to keep fair with both and We therefore much approve of your giving protection to the Nabobs family and you must shew the same favour to the Rajah if he should desire it, the Nabob writes Us that he had sent you a perwana for coining Dubbs, if you should not have recẽd it, this will be a favourable opportunity to obtain it.

When an opportunity offers, if we should be in a condition to spare you any Subaltern Officers, you may be assured We shall supply you.

You have not sent Us either your Account of Quick Stock or the Annual report of the encrease or the decrease of Revenues & Expences, this is a great neglect and will put Us to difficultys in drawing out our General Account of quick Stock, you should have sent Us also a Duplicate Acc^{t}. of Ordnance, Shott Shells &c^{a}. mounted and in Garrison that you sent us before went home by the Delawar and We shall want another to go by the Durrington.

The Ballance of your Cash appears to Us very large, and more than is sufficient to answer your demands, it will be properly reduced by supplying M^{r}. Westcott and M^{r}. Andrews with five thousand (5000) Pagodas each, and you will do so accordingly.

Under the Head of Repairs of Fortifications We observe you charge in the gross the number of Artificers employed during the month, this is too General, it should be explained where and on what particular work they were employed and so likewise of the Materials used.

The enclosed Letter for the President and Council of Bengal we would have forwarded expeditiously.

We are

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE — GENTLEMEN

THE 24TH. JAN^{RY}. 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 13.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

By the Schooner Charles we wrote to you the 12 Instant, and now enclose a duplicate in which our sentiments are fully expressed in regard to the troubled State of Affairs in the Northern provinces, We have no other addition to make to it except that some subsequent Advices from the Nabob and Rajah give us room to hope their differences are in a fair way of being accommodated which is the more probable as it is their mutual Interest it certainly is ours to promote it.

We have directed the Chief and Council at Vizagapatam to supply you with Five thousand (5000) Pagodas as we observed their Cash would admit of it, this you must husband to the best advantage as it will be out of our power to give you any further Assistance till the Arrival of the Ships from England.

The Honble Companys Ship Dragon from Bengal arrived here the 21st. Instant and we are in daily expectations of the Durrington. We hope your Bales will arrive in good time.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 24th. Janry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 14.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

We have your Letter of the 6 Instant & have nothing more to say in answer to it than what you will be informed of your Letter of the 12th. Instant of which a Duplicate is enclosed. If any Judgement can be formed on the advices from the Nabob and Rajah they are neither of them pleased with the late success of the French your way, the Nabob especially seems firm in his attachment to the English, we are sensible no dependance is to be placed on them any further than may be consonant to their Interest a reconciliation will certainly be to their mutual advantage and from their advices we have grounds to hope it will take place, promote it by all the means in your power, but keep a just medium without inclining to either.

The Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam have our directions to supply you with five thousand (5000) Pagodas, this is all you must expect till the Europe Ships arrive, reserve a sufficiency therefore out of it for the charges of your Factory.

The Hoñble Companys Ship Dragon arrived here the 21st. Instant from Bengal the Durrington was to follow her very shortly, we hope we shall not be under a necessity to detain her for your Bales.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 24th. Janry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 15.

To Mr. Henry Brooke
at the Negrais.

Sir

The Cuddalore Sloop arrived here the 21st. Instant and brought Us your Letter of the 11th. with the unacceptable News of Mr. Hunter's death, we shall not now reply to your Advices, this being intended only to acquaint you that the Porto Bello having lost her passage to you, and put into Vizagapatam we have ordered the Chief and Council there to load on her as much provision of different kinds as she can take in and dispatch her immediately to you. We are preparing to return the Cuddalore and shall then give you full directions in every respect, she will be ordered likewise to touch at Vizagapatam to take in a loading of provisions.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 24th. Janry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

No. 16.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We take the Opportunity of the Lisle bound to your Port to consign you a Lack of Rupees as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, We are in hourly expectations of seeing the Dragon Sloop as the Wind have for some days been southerly, as soon as she arrives we shall dispatch her to you with the sundrys you have indented for.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 1st. Febry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Enclosed is a List of Officers Military & Train embarked on the Lisle, those mentioned for Deve Cotah are to proceed thither as soon as possible.

No. 17.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

The Dragon Sloop is not yet arrived, but by a Duplicate of your Letter dated 31st. Ultimo We are inform'd of your withdrawing the Party from Pallem-Cotah and the consequences you apprehend from it, the good effects of this motion are, that it has induced the Killedar with eagerness to offer and even to press a large gratuity for the assistance of our Troops which he certainly would never have done (such is the ungratefull disposition of these people) had not he perceived our resolution not to be duped, We are ready & desirous to afford our protection to those who seek it, but our Hoñble Masters must not be sufferers, and as you are of Opinion that a party may be spared from Deve Cotah without hazard We consent that you detach it to the assistance of the Killedar of PallamCotah provided he first discharge all Batta due to them to the time of their marching and give you sufficient security to defray the whole charges of the expedition which is all we desire and therefore decline his offer of half the Paddy &ca. to be collected, This we dispatch to you without loss of time and hope it will arrive early enough to prevent any ravages of the Enemy.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Sir

Fort St. George
the 4th. Febry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 18.

To the Worshipfull Robert Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council at
Fort Marlborough.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

We dispatched the Prince George Capt. Burman to you the 3d. of Novemr. last, and on her proceeded Messrs. John Walsh and John Pybus whom in consequence of directions from England We appointed Supravizors of all our Honble Masters possessions and Affairs on the Island of Sumatra by the same conveyance also we wrote you very fully, and now forward the several Duplicate papers to which We refer you in case the Prince George should have met with any accident.

In consequence of your Advice that you should have about two hundred Tons of Surplus Pepper We wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to send Us a Ship so far loaded for Europe as yet to leave room for your Surplus, and fill up that Tonnage with rice for your use, they have accordingly sent Us our Honble Masters Ship Dragon with twelve hundred Bags of Salt Petre and Six hundred Maund of Redwood Invoice and Bill of Loading whereof are inclosed in this Packet to be forwarded to England in yours, the Gentlemen at the Bay acquaint Us they have agreable to our request filled up the remainder of the Dragons, Tonnage with Rice consigned to you, Bill of Loading and Invoice whereof is enclosed in their packet.

We hope you will have every thing in readiness on the Dragons arrival to give her a quick dispatch that she may not be exposed to the danger of a late passage round the Cape.

The Cuddalore Sloop lately arrived here from Negrais, where, We are advised Mr. Hunter died the 24th. Decemr. this Vessell is so usefull in that Expedition that she cannot yet be spared for your Service, we expect by the Supravizors Advices to be informed what vessells are actually necessary on the West Coast and we shall then provide accordingly.

We acquainted you by the Prince George that by this Conveyance we should send you the Long Cloth you indented for, but the troubles on this Coast have so much affected our Investment that we shall be greatly streightned to make up the Tonnage of the Durrington which we are in daily expectations to arrive from Bengal to fill up here this prevents our complying fully with your demand, but as We imagine the only use to which you would apply these Goods is for the cloathing the Coffrees &ca. we have sent you Eight Bales of damaged Long Cloth and Salampores which will answer the purpose very well.

Thirty One of the Coffrey Women we intended to have sent you on the Prince George but were prevented by the appearance of the small pox amongst them, come to you on this Ship, a List of their Names is in the packet.

Invoice and Bill of Loading for what we consign you are enclosed in the Packet, as are also Capt. Kents manifest of his private Trade for your Settlement, and another for his homeward bound adventure, to this last you will add whatever he may ship with you on the same Account and forward it in your packet to our Honble Masters.

Capt. Kent is to be paid as usual for the diet of the Coffreys.

We are

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 7th. Febry. 1754

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

MANIFEST OF Goods licensed by the President and Council of Fort St. George to be shipped on the Dragon Capt. Henry Kent for Fort Marlborough by the following persons Vizt.

4 Chests.			Corges Pieces.	Pag.	fa.	ca.	Pag.	fa.	ca.
Total	BY CAPT. HENRY KENT FOR HIMSELF								
Bales.	CHESTS OPIUM		..	..			500	—	—
	BY CHAS. BOURCHIER ESQR. FOR MR. RT. SWINTON.								
2 BALES	containing Long Cloth white ..		3	99	—	—			
1 ..	D°. d°. blue quarter pieces.		6	102	—	—			
1 ..	D°. Puliacat Cambays pags. 50.		2	68	—	—			
1 ..	Metchlepatam Handker 18.		2						
—				———			269	—	—
4	Bales amounting to								
	BY CHAS. BOURCHIER ESQR. FOR MR. ROGR. CARTER.								
6 ..	containing Long Cloth white ..		9	297	—	—			
1 ..	D°. d°. pagodas ..	33	1						
	Ruffled shirts ..	56	2	117	—	—			
	Plain Shirts	20	1						
	Short Drawers.. ..	8	3						
1 ..	containing Long Cloth blue ½ Ps.		4	83	—	—			
1 ..	containing Puliacat Cumbays pag.	50	2						
	Metchlepatam Handker	27	3						
	Gingham Waistcoats. D°. Breeches ..	17	1						
	White Waistcoats ..	28	2						
	Caps	6	3						
	Stockings	30							
	Neckcloths	10	2	168	—	—			
—									
9									
1	parcell containing 40 pair shoes ..			5	—	—			
13 Bales 1 Parcell	amounting to			..		..	670	—	—
				Pagodas ..			1,439	—	—

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 7TH. FEBRY. 1754.

JOS. DU PRE',
Secry.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlborough ⅌ Ship Dragon.

Nº. 1. General Letter dated 7th. February 1754.
2. Duplicate General Letter Prince George dated 15 October 1753.
3. Invoice of Sundries laden on Ship Dragon for Fort Marlborough.
4. Bills of Lading for Dº.
5. Duplicate Invoice of Sundries laden on the Prince George for Fort Marlborough.

to be forwarded to Europe.
7. Invoices of Sundries laden at Bengal on board the Dragon for Europe.
8. Bill of Lading for Dº.

9. Manifest of Private Trade on board the Dragon for Fort Marlborough.

to be forwarded to Europe.
10. Manifest of Private Trade on board the Dragon for Europe.
11. Duplicate Account of stores landed at Fort Marlbro out of the Delawars Madagascar Cargo as ⅌ 13th. paragraph of the Genl. Letter dated 15 October 1753.

12. Duplicate Account Sundries paid for by Capt. Winter being part of the Stores consigned to Fort Marlbro ⅌ Delawar as ⅌ 13th. paragraph of the General Letter dated 15 Octr. 1753.

to be forwarded to England.
13. List of 31 Coffree Women on board the Dragon for Fort Marlborough.
14. Copy of Capt. Kent's dispatch.

Jos : Du Pre,
Secry.

Fort St. George
7th. Febry. 1754.

Nº. 19.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

By Advices lately reced. from the Negrais We are informed of the Death of David Hunter Esqr. who had the charge of that Expedition and Settlement and we have pitched upon you to succeed him in it, therefore on receipt of this let an Account remains of Stores in your Garrison be taken and signed by you and Mr. Brickenden to whom you will deliver them over with the care of the Fort untill we appoint another Chief which will be very shortly, We are preparing to return the Cuddalore Sloop to the Negrais and therefore would have you lose no time but proceed hither with all possible Expedition.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 11th. Febry. 1754.

No. 20.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We promised to supply you by the Dragon Sloop, as far as we are able with the sundry Articles you have indented for and accordingly now dispatch her to you; Invoice and Bill of Lading for what We consign are enclosed as is also an Invoice of the Arms sent with the party on the Lisle We cannot at present supply you with any Wax Cloth, the Gun powder and remainder of the Shott shall be sent on some future conveyance. On this Sloop we also consign you a Lack of Rupees which We hope will be sufficient to answer your demands for some time, and as you tell Us fanams are scarce, we likewise send you to the amount of two thousand Pagodas, and if these should not answer your purpose of which you will advise Us we shall give you a further supply, We decline it at present because the purchasing a large quantity at once might raise the price.

The large demands for your Settlement and the Army have so considerably sunk our Treasure that you must be as sparing as possible and make no further Advances to your Merchants without previously acquaintg. us, we dont mean by this to check your Investment but it is necessary we should be informed from time to time of all exegencys that we may concert such measures as may prevent our being Streightned for Cash before the Arrival of the Europe Ships.

The Reasons you offer for the deficiencys in the Military Stores have their proper weight; on enquiry of several gentlemen here who were then at St. David we are informed that many Articles were by Mr. Bobins's Directions thrown aside as quite useless, this was extreamly irregular, but as it cannot now be remedied & We are in some measure satisfyed how the deficiencys arose We consent that they be wrote off to Profit and Loss as well as those in the Civil Stores, and in future, we insist that not an article be it ever so trifling be condemned as unserviceable without an order of your Board made in consequence of a regular Survey by the proper Officer and a report laid before you.

All the Companys Military are, We conceive to serve wherever they are commanded, a gratification is allowed to all Officers without distinction in the Field in consideration of their extraordinary Expences, but what title have the Gentlemen on the Bengal establishment to diet money in Garrison more than those on our own. We know of none therefore cannot take upon Us to put the Company to that additional Expence.

The two Rafts of Timber and Plank are certainly lost, and must be wrote off, We have some imperfect Accounts of the Cattamaran people quitting them at Sea.

Mr. Maunsell acts as Commissary in Camp, and you may accept and pay his Bills, but the head in your Books for Mr. Palk may still be kept open and the draughts from Camp carried to that Account.

We shall consider of the Trevendeporam bound rent, and give you our directions.

Gautakees Allowance may we think admit of a deduction of twenty Rupees ₰ Month to satisfy so just a demand as Sheeva Gongas, and if it puts him to some present difficultys it is more just he should bear them than the poor Woman should lose what is actually her right, We would therefore have you continue to make that stoppage untill the Debt be satisfied.

Mr. Morse has represented to Us that before the loss of this settlement he advanced out of his own money to Mutal for Mulinga Kistnah & Ponnapah Companys Merchts. 1528–31–24 to purchase Beteelas on the Companys Account and that Goods to the Amount of 967–18–48 were delivered into the Warehouse

at Fort St. David but the Value has never been paid nor accounted for, We send you enclosed a copy of the Acct. that you may make the necessary enquirys and advise us.

Application has been made to Us by Serjeant Rose who had the command at Vedachelum for a Ballance of Rupees 510–6 fan. which alledges is due to him for the pay of the detachment he commanded there and for other disbursemts. as the charges of that Fort were defrayed by you We send you a copy of the Account which you will examine and acquaint Us whether any thing and what is really due thereon.

We have occasion to employ Mr. Greenslate here, and we desire you will order him to proceed hither by the first good conveyance.

As soon as you have unloaded the Dragon return her to Us with Bales, those you sent Us by the Marianne are safely arrived & landed as well as the Box by the same conveyance containing the late Mr. Byer's papers.

The Accountant informs us that the Vizagapatam paymasters Books for 1748 and several others are at Fort St. David, your Books and papers must be revised and all such as belong to the Presidency sent us.

Capt. Saunders had our leave a considerable time ago to return to Bengal of which we advised the Gentlemen there, and they expect him accordingly of which we desire you will give him notice that he may prepare for his passage.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE

THE 12TH. FEBRY. 1754.

GENTLEMEN

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

No. 21.

TO MR. CHARLES HOPKINS
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH.

SIR

This by order of the President and Council is only to acquaint you that as you might be at a Loss for conveyance hither they propose in a day or two to dispatch the Cuddalore Sloop to you for that purpose and to return to this place.

I am

FORT ST. GEORGE

14 FEBRY. 1754.

SIR

Your most humble Servant

JOS: DU PRE,
Secry.

No. 22.

To Richard Starke Esq^R^. Deputy Gov^R^.
&c^A^. Council of Fort S^T^. David.

Gentlemen

By the Sloop Dragon We consigned you such part of the Stores you indented for as she could take in, and we now send you the remainder by the Cuddalore Sloop as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, as soon as they are landed (which we desire you will do expeditiously) the Command has our orders to make the best of his way to Deve Cotah where he is to be under M^r^. Hopkins directions, to whom we have wrote to embark on board that vessell as soon as possible, and proceed hither touching at your Port to take in as many Bales as she can stow.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Thomas Saunders &c^A^. Council.

Fort S^T^. George
the 15TH. Febry. 1754.

No. 23.

To M^R^. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We acquainted you the 4th. Instant of your being appointed to succeed M^r^. Hunter at the Negrais and that we would have you proceed hither as soon as possible, and last night our Secretary, by our direction, wrote you that we intended to send you the Cuddalore Sloop that you might not be at a loss for a Conveyance, We accordingly now dispatch her with Orders to the Commander on his arrival at Deve Cotah to follow your directions, you will therefore embark with all convenient dispatch order the Commander to touch at Fort S^t^. David to take in Bales and then immediately proceed hither.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^R^. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort S^T^. George
the 15TH. Febry. 1754.

No. 24.

To Capt. Nathaniel Hammond
of Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

On receipt hereof you are required to repair on board your Vessell and with all convenient speed proceed to S^t^. David where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the Deputy Govr. & Council there and follow their directions for landing the Sundry Stores consigned them which

being done you are to make the best of your way to Deve Cotah and on your Arrival deliver the Letter herewith given you for Mr. Charles Hopkins the Chief there whose Orders you are to follow for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George the 15th. February 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 25.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have not had the pleasure of any Advices from you since those of the 31 October in answer whereto We addressed you the 24th. Decemr. and now enclose you a Duplicate.

Our Honble Masters Ship Dragon arrived here from Bengal the latter end of last Month & was dispatch'd the beginning of this to the West Coast to fill up with Pepper & proceed home.

The Durrington half loaded from Bengal is now on dispatch as we have a sufficient quantity of Bales to compleat her Tonnage here and at St. David, her detention will not exceed a fortnight.

The Gentlemen at the Bay have had but indifferent success in their Investment this season, besides the Durrington half loaded they write us they should not be able to dispatch more than the Portfield, a small Ship, the beginning of January and the Falmouth the latter end of the Season, the Egmont is Stationed to relieve the Colchester at the Negrais which ship will probably lay on hand 'till next season, the Winchelsea and Montfort they have stationed for Bombay and Surat & let the Elizabeth to Freight.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 17TH. FEBRY. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

Enclosed is a List of the Bombay Officers & Seapoys who have been lately discharged to return to you & also a List of those who have taken service on this Establishment being all that remain of the Detachment.

A List of Bombay Officers & Seapoys who returned to the Presidency Over Land Febry. the 9 h. 1754 with the pay and other Allowances they received during their stay on this coast.

Caul. Naick Havildar.	From 1st. Novr. 1751 to 31st. March 1752 he was a Naick only and received @ Rs. 4 ℔ Month. From 1st. April 1752 to 31st. Janry. 1754 Do. Do. Havildar @ Rs. 6.
Naugorey Do. ..	From 1st. Novr. 1752 to 31st. July 1753 @ Rs. 6 ℔ Month. From 1st. Augst. 1753 to 31 Janry. 1754 @ „ 10 ℔ Do.
Ramah Seapoy ..	From 1st. March 1752 to 31 July 1753 @ „ 2 ℔ Do. From 1 August 1753 to 31 Janry. 1754 @ „ 6 ℔ Do.
Naumarey ..	From 1 Novr. 1752 to 31 Janry. 1754 @ „ 2 ℔ Do.
Naucoupanrah ..	From 1 Novr. 1752 to 31 July 1753 @ „ 2 ℔ Do. From 1 Aug . 1752 to 31 Janry. 1754 @ „ 6 ℔ Do.

From the time they came to this Coast till the Earliest Dates above specified, they received no pay here, but lived entirely upon the support of their Provision Allowance, which was continued to the whole company till the 30th. Novemr. 1753, and they have now had the current Months pay advanced to carry them back.

Attested.
Emd. Maskelyne.

Fort St. George
Febry. 10th. 1754.

List of Bombay Officers & Seapoys who have entered to remain on the Coast Establishment.

Con Naick	Subadar.
Sheva Naick	Do.
Daud Tojar	Do.
Gunnio Naick	Havildar.
Woomer Naick	Do.
Krishnamattay	Do.
Shavool Naick	Do.
Luch Naick	Seapoy.
Inna Gee	Do.
Itta Naick	Do.
Hussen Naick	Do.
Tavacul	Do.
Bauloga	Do.
Dermah Naick	Naick.
Ball Naick	Do.

No. 26.

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr. Chief
&ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We have no Letters from you unanswered our last was dated the 24 Decemr. a Duplicate of which accompanys this.

Our Honble Masters Ship Dragon part loaded with Salt Petre and Red Wood at Bengal sailed from hence the 9th. Instant to fill up at the West Coast for Europe.

The Durrington arrived here a few days ago half loaded from Bengal, We shall compleat her Tonnage and dispatch her for England in about a fortnight.

The Disposition of the other Ships accordg. to the Advices we have reced. from Bay is Vizt.

The Egmont, to relieve the Colchester at the Negrais.

Portfield, Falmouth } to be dispatched home from Bengal.

Winchelsea, Montfort } Stationed for Bombay & Surat.

Elizabeth Let out to Freight.

Colchester is in want of Repairs, how she will be disposed off is not certain.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 17th. Febry. 1754.

No. 27.

To George Scott Esqr. Chief
&ca. Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

This is chiefly to advise you of the disposition of our Honble Masters shipping on this side of India at the same time We enclose you Duplicate of our last.

The 9th. Instant We dispatched the Compys. own Ship Dragon to the West Coast to fill up with pepper for England, part of her Tonnage in Salt Petre and Redwood she received on board at Bengal.

The Durrington is now under dispatch for England and will be ready to sail in a fortnight, the Gentlemen at the Bay half loaded her according to our desire and We shall compleat her Tonnage.

We are advised from Bengal of the destination of the Companys other shipping as follows.

Egmont ... to relieve the Colchester at the Negrais.

Portfield, Falmouth } to be dispatched home from Bengal.

Winchelsea, Montfort } Stationed for Bombay and Surat.

Elizabeth ... let out to Freight.

Colchester ... is in want of repairs how she will be disposed of is not certain.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most Obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS
&CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 17TH. FEBRY. 1754.

No. 28.

TO GEORGE PIGOT EEQR. CHIEF
&CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The Harlup Snow arrived here yesterday and we are preparing to land the 67 Bales of cloth you consigned us on her, a very poor Asssistance towards our dispatch compared with the quantity that used to be furnished from your Settlement.

Besides our Letter of the 24th. December which you acknowledge We wrote you again the 12th. & 24th. Ultimo and now enclose a Duplicate of the last, by which you will perceive We disapproved of your detaining the Porto Bello Sloop for our fresh Advices, how great then must have been our surprize a few days ago on the receipt of a Letter from Mr. Westcott acquainting Us as you have done in yours of the 21st. Ultimo that you had sent that vessell to Ingeram with the detachment intended by Us for the Negrais, but which you have taken upon you to destine for an Expedition to Rajahmundrum, had you given yourselves time to reflect you must have been sensible that nothing but absolute necessity could have induced Us to spare a Man from hence for the Negrais considering our own pressing occasions for them; a discretional power must doubtless be lodged in you to act upon emergent Occasions without waiting for particular Orders from hence, but in the present case you have stretched beyond the proper limits of such an authority in absolutely changing a disposition. We had made, therefore on receipt of this you must immediately recall the party, and dispatch the Porto Bello with it according to our first intention. We have been very explicit in our former Letters and repeat to you here that we are not in a condition to carry on the War in this Country and act offensively to the Northward your whole aim therefore must be to defend the Companys Rights and endeavour to cultivate a Friendship both with the Nabob and Rajah at least act so as to offend neither.

A few Occasional Presents well timed are often of service We hope that you gave to Narrain Dieu may prove so.

As you say the Godown and Choultry at Walteer are very commodious and well worth the price they are offered at We think they had better be purchased than hired, and you have our consent to do so.

You Judge right in entertaining a few Gun Peons against the arrival of the Nabobs family, a little Parade is necessary on such Occasions.

Your Indents shall be complied with as far as we are able.

You were irregular in sending Us up Six of your Military Prisoners by that Ship without the proceedings of the Court Martial or Court of Enquiry We are willing to impute it to the difficultys you are under for want of Officers, you shall be supplied as soon as we are able.

The Warehousekeepers here and at Fort St. David acquaint Us that it is impossible to endorse the Invoices you sent Us some time ago with the Account Sortments in the manner you desire the cloth having been mixed, We have given proper Orders to prevent the like in future for what is past your Attorneys will be able to furnish you with an Account of the Goods turned Out.

The Durrington is now under dispatch and will we hope be ready to sail in a fortnight.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 19th. Febry. 1754.

No. 29.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Your several Letters of the 16th. & 28 January 1st. & 2d. Instant are received and the two hundred Bales by the Don Carlos.

Notwithstanding We have repeatedly wrote you that it is impossible for us to oppose the Enemy here and act offensively to the Northward yet by a late Step you have taken you do not seem passively inclined, the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam did very wrong in sending you the detachment in the Porto Bello Sloop which we had destined for the Negrais, and your Scheme of sending that party up the country is far from meeting with our Approbation you must be sensible the situation of our affairs here is so precarious that were we not indispensably obliged we should not spare a man how then could you think of detaining a party we had allotted for the protection of a new established Settlement? We don't doubt but that the Nabob has been very pressing for assistance & we should be glad to grant it, but what end will it answer to make a shew of acting Hostily [*sic*] when it is as much as We can do to maintain our ground on the defensive? it certainly will only expose Us to dangers which otherwise might not have approached Us, but whatever may be the Event the party intended for the Negrais can by no means be spared and therefore immediately on receipt of this you must recall it and dispatch away the Sloop, make the best excuse you can to the Nabob and if possible keep on good terms with him and the Rajah.

The Three & Nine pounder Guns you desire cannot be spared, but the Small Arms shall be sent.

We are now compleating the Durringtons Tonnage and hope to dispatch her in about a fortnight.

We enclose you, a Duplicate of our last and are

Fort St. George
the 19th. Febry. 1754.

Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

No. 30.

To Mr. John Andrews
Resident at Madapollam.

Sir

The two hundred and fifty Bales you consigned us on the George Sloop have been received with your Letter of the 26th. January, we shall send you some Washing Stones as soon as they can be procured.

In our letter of the 12th. Ultimo we promised to assist you by the return of your Vessell with a few Military, and we now send you all we can possibly spare as by a Roll enclosed, let them be employed only for your own defence, and don't suffer yourself by the pressing solicitations of the Country powers to be prevailed to embark on any expedition which will only involve you in greater difficultys but let your whole aim be to keep on friendly terms with the Nabob and Rajah if possible.

We expect to compleat the Durringtons Tonnage in about a fortnight and shall dispatch her to England.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 19th. Febry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

An Invoice of Arms & Ammunition accompanying the detachment is enclosed they have been paid in full for this Month and the next.

No. 31.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The 15th. Instant we dispatched the Cuddalore Sloop to you with orders after landing a few stores to proceed to Deve Cotah we have had reason to alter our Intentions therefore on receipt of this if that vessell should not have yet sailed for Deve Cotah countermand it and return her to Us immediately with Bales.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 20th. Febry. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 32.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We wrote you the 15th. Instant by the Cuddalore sloop on which vessell we directed you to embark and proceed hither and then to the Negrais, but on the receipt of a Letter from you yesterday dated the 15 Instant we think proper to alter our Intentions the representations you therein made of your bad state of health which from other hands is well confirmed to Us have had their due weight and on that Account we admit of your excuse, we have wrote this Evening to St. David to countermand the Sloop Cuddalore's proceeding to you but if she should be gone from thence before our Letter reaches the Gentlemen there, on her arrival with you return her immediately to Fort St. David to fill up with Bales and proceed hither.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 20th. Febry. 1754.

No. 33.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

This by order of the President & Council is to enclose a Bill of Exchange for Rupees fifty thousand (50000) on Nauchuma Chitty at Cuddalore which please to receive & carry to the Credit of the Presidency.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant,
Jos: Du Pré, *Secry.*

Fort St. George
the 26th. Febry. 1754.

No. 34.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the enclosed Duplicate you will perceive we addressed you very lately & a few days afterwards rec'd your favour of the 13th. Janry. with nine Bills on different persons here for seventy five thousand (75000) Arcot Rupees which have been duely accepted & we shall insist on the payment at the expiration of the term you advise being four days sight the several of them (as the persons

they are drawn on pretend) are at eight & Sixteen days, a deceit which the drawers should not be unacquainted with. The Amount shall be forwarded to the Gentlemen at the Bay by the first safe conveyance.

We lately had some glimmering hopes of peace which we flattered ourselves the success we have advised your Honr. &ca. of might have promoted, a Congress was agreed on between Us & the French & Deputys on our & their parts were appointed & met at Sadrass but it has not had the event We wished Mr. Dupleix is inflexibly determined to pursue his point & openly lays claim to the whole Coast by Virtue of Saneds the falsity of which we detected in examining the very first he produced, but the plainest demonstration can have no weight against a determined purpose & as nothing reasonable was to be obtained the conference broke of this confirms us in the Opinion we have long had reason to entertain that the preservation of the Companys rights must depend entirely on the force of Arms, this, & a late reverse of fortune obliges Us to request your Honr. &ca. Council will spare Us a reinforcement of Men if your own affairs can any way admit of it, we are so sensible of your Honor &ca. Councils attachment to the Companys Interest & sincere inclination to protect their estate wherever situated that we are persuaded you will not hesitate to give us what assistance you can We are in hopes this will reach you before all your Shipping for this Coast have left you, and that on their arrival here we shall have the pleasure to return you our thanks for your compliance with our request.

We are

Fort St. George
the 27 Febry. 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 35.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The Salangore arrived here the 27th. & the Cuddalore this day, we shall shortly give you our Answer to what may require it, in your several Letters, in the meantime we cannot help expressing our great surprize that we have not yet reced. your Books after we have so frequently pressed you to send them, & as often been amused with promises that they should be compleated out of hand, we must look upon this behaviour as trifling with us beyond Measure & we should be equally capable with you in the Eyes of our Hon'ble Masters were we to pass it over unremarked. The Durringtons dispatch draws near & we will not admit of any further delay therefore on receipt of this we insist on your sending us the Books immediately by boat if you have no better conveyance or your reasons for not complying which with our observations on them we shall transmit to our Honble Masters.

We

Fort St. George
the 2d. March 1764.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 36.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We shall write to you fully in answer to your several Letters as soon as the hurry of the Durringtons dispatch is over. This is to advise you that we have embarked on the Honble Companys Sloop Cuddalore a detachment of their Military consisting of one Adjutant two Serjeants one Drummer twenty seven Topasses & thirty Coffreys if the force of your Garrison can with safety (which we leave to your Judgement) admit of Exchanging the Coffreys & Six of the Topasses whose names are transmitted by Capt. Maskelyne to Capt. Campbell, we would have you immediately order them to be landed & with as much expedition as possible replace them with healthy Europeans, this done order the Commander of the said sloop to make the best of his way to Deve Cotah & on his arrival follow such directions as he shall receive from Mr. Chas. Hopkins the Chief there whom we have wrote to on this head.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 9th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 37.

To Captain John Swinton
of Snow Recovery.

Sir

The detachment of the Honble Companys Military which you were yesterday ordered to receive on board being now embarked it is our intention they should be transported to Devecotah but as we are informed a ship of force is in Pondicherry Road & we know not what attempts the French may make we have therefore thought proper to order the Honble Company's Ship Durrington to accompany you as far as Fort St. David you are therefore on receipt of this to obey all such orders & signals as shall be given or made to you by Captain Richd. Drake of said Ship Durrington untill you shall be in safety as far as Fort St. David when & not before he has our permission to leave you, you are then immediately to make the best of your way to Devecotah & on your arrival there deliver the accompanying Letter to Mr. Chas. Hopkins the Chief & follow such directions as you shall receive from him for landing the detachment with their Stores & necessarys & such part of the provision put on board for their subsistance as may then remain, which being done you are discharged from the Compys. service & at liberty to pursue such course as you shall think fit. Dated in Fort St. George the 9th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 38.

To Captain Nathaniel Hammond
of the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

The detachment of the Honble Compys. Military which you were yesterday ordered to receive on board being now embarked it is our intention they should be transported to Fort St. David but as we are informed a Ship of force is in Pondicherry Road & we know not what attempts the French may make we have therefore thought proper to order the Honble Companys Ship Durrington to accompany you as far as Fort St. David you are therefore on receipt of this to obey all such orders & signals as shall be given or made to you by Captain Richd. Drake of said Ship Durrington untill you are in safety in Fort St. David road when & not before he has our permission to leave you, on your arrival at Fort St. David you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to the Deputy Govr. & Council there & follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George the 9th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 39.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief at Deve Cotah.

Sir

Pr. Recovery.	
2	Captains.
1	Lieutenant.
4	Sergeants
8	Corporals.
3	Drummers.
89	Europ: Centis.
6	Topasses.
113	
Pr. Cuddalore.	
1	Adjutant.
2	Serjeants.
1	Drummer.
27	Topasses.
30	Coffreys.
61	

We have embarked on the Recovery Snow Captain John Swinton who will deliver you this Letter, a detachment of the Honble Companys Military consisting of One hundred & thirteen persons as ℘ Margin & dispatched her under Convoy of our Honble Masters Ship Durrington as far as Fort St. David with orders from thence to proceed immediately to you, on receipt of this you are to order the Commander of the said Snow to land the said detachment with their necessarys & the Stores as Pr. Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed which being done he is discharged from the Companys Service & at liberty to pursue such course as he shall think proper. We have also embarked on the Honble Company's Sloop Cuddalore another detachment of their Military consisting of sixty one Persons as Pr. Margin which we sent to Fort St. David & wrote to the Deputy Governour & Council if possible to exchange the Coffreys & Six of the Topasses for Europeans & dispatch the said Sloop with them & the rest of the detachment to you directing the Commander to follow your Orders for his further proceedings, you will therefore on your Arrival give him directions for landing the said detachment, which being done order him immediately to return hither touching at Fort St. David in his way to bring us whatever the Gentlemen there may have to Send. We have put on board both the Cuddalore & Recovery a quantity of provision for the Subsistance of the several detachments & what may remain on their arrival is to be delivered to you, you will therefore give directions accordingly. This Party is intended to reinforce the Army under the Command of Major Lawrence to whom you will forward the

enclosed Letter with Expedition & he will in consequence concert proper Measures for their Junction and advise you, in the meantime let the officers, & men be accommodated in the best manner you can.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 9th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 40.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The Hartup Snow Sailed yesterday with the Sevl. Stores you have indented for the dispatches for England were at the same time on hand which made it impossible to attend to anything else till they were compleated, the Durrington sailed yesterday with them and I now enclose you by order of the President & Council the Invoice & Bill of Lading for the Consignments by the Hartup.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servant

Fort St. George
the 11th. March 1754.

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 41.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

The President & Council have consigned you Sundry Stores by the Charles Schooner, & by their direction I enclose you the Invoice & Bill of Lading. The Durrington sailed yesterday for Europe.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant

Fort St. George
the 11th. March 1754.

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 42.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The President & Council have consigned to you on the Sloop Orange Tree Captain Wm. Dougan twelve Chests containing one Lack of Rupees, & one Box with two thousand Pagodas worth of fanams Invoice & Bills of Lading for which I am directed to enclose to you.

I have the Honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Fort St. George
the 16th. March 1754.

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 43.

To the Worshipfull Robert Hindley Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council of
Fort Marlborough.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Our Honble Masters Ship Dragon sailed from hence the 9th. of last month to take in your Surplus Pepper, for what We wrote by her we refer to the enclosed Duplicate of your Letter.

The accompanying Letter for the Governour & Council of Batavia We desire you will forward by the first Conveyance & as your vicinity to, & frequent intercourse with the dutch may make it proper you should be informed of any disputes we may have with them & our sentimts. thereon, we enclose you copy of the abovementioned Letter for your perusal.

We are
Worshipfull Sir & Sirs
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 16th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlborough ℔ Sloop Orange Tree.

No. 1 General Letter dated the 16th. March 1754.
2 Dupl: Genl. Letter ℔ Dragon dated 7th Febry.
3 Duplicate Invoice ℔ do.
4 Second Bills of Loading for do.
5 Copy General Letter to the Govr. & Council of Batavia dated 16th. March.

The Original Letter to Batavia to be forwarded.

Fort St. George 16th. March 1754.

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 44.

TO THE RIGHT HON^BLE JACOB MOSSELL ESQ^R. GOVERNOUR GENERAL OF THE NETHERLANDS INDIA &C^A. &C^A. &C^A. PRESIDENT AT BATAVIA AND TO THE HON^BLE THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCIL THERE.

RIGHT HON^BLE SIR
&
HON^BLE SIRS.

The last time we had the pleasure to address your Excellency &c^a. Council was by our Honble Companys Ship Prince George in answer to a Letter we were favoured with from you of the 2^d. June which gave us all the assurances we could wish for of your inclination to shew us such marks of friendship as one nation in perfect Amity & Alliance with another might Expect, the Letter we had the Hon^r. of writing you in answer will evince how agreable such terms are to us & how ready we are to reciprocate all good Officers, but it is with concern we are now to inform your Excellency &c^a. Council we do not find the like good disposition in all your Settlements in India tho' we are willing to flatter ourselves that when they are perfectly informed of your Sentiments they will act on the same plan, the cause of our present Complaint is that a ship of ours bound thro' the Streights of Mallacca having unluckily sprung a Leak was obliged to put in at your port of Malacca to refit which could not be done without landing the whole Cargoe your Excellency &c^a. Council must confess that to allow it, is nothing more than common hospitality & what we can hardly think would be refused in any port of the world under the like Circumstances, and yet it may be said now & proved that the Agents of the Dutch (We will not say the Dutch Nation because we cannot conceive it to be their sense) have exacted one per Cent upon the whole Cargo landed at one of their ports from an English Ship in distress & without such a gratification, absolutely refused the Supra Cargo's the liberty of bringing the Goods ashore. The Names of the Supra Cargo's who had this remarkable treatment at Malacca are Mess. Samuel Greenhaugh & William Pye, & the ship is called the Travencore, we hope on receipt of your Excellencys &c^a. Council answer to this Letter we shall have cause to blot out this Event from our Annals as well as from our remembrance, & to repeat our assurances that we are perfectly

RIGHT HON^BLE SIR
&
HON^BLE SIRS

FORT S^T. GEORGE
THE 16TH. MARCH 1754.

Your most Obedient Humble Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX^R. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^S. BOURCHIER.

No. 45.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This is only to accompany a Duplicate of our last & to advise you that our Honble Masters Ship Durrington with a full loading was dispatched from hence the 9th. Instant & to assure you

We are

Fort St. George
the 16th. March 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
&ca. Council.

No. 46.

To Thomas Dorrill Esqr. Chief
&ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

The Accompanying Letter for the Gentlemen at Bombay being of consequence & requiring dispatch we request you will forward it with the utmost Expedition.

We have nothing to add to our Letter of the 17th. Ulto. a Duplicate whereof is enclosed, except that our Honble Masters Ship Durrington was dispatched from hence fully loaded for England the 9th. Instant.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 16th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 47.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We consigned to you on the Hartup the Stores you Indented for, by the Salangore you will receive the Invoice & Bills of Lading and Duplicates by this Conveyance.

The Cuddalore Sloop has been employed here much longer than was intended, We now dispatch her to you & hope you will have every thing in readiness that her detention may be but short, our sailing Instructions to Captain Hammond are to proceed to Vizagapatam & on his arrival to follow your directions, as soon therefore as you have put on board the several stores

agreable to our Letter of the 24th. January give the Captain Orders to make the best of his way to the Negrais where for his future proceedings he is to be under the direction of Mr. Henry Brooke whom we have appointed Chief of that Settlement.

We have in Several Letters explained our Sentiments so fully with respect to the Situation of your affairs that we have nothing material to observe further on that Subject, by the Translates of Letters from the Nabob & Rajah which came inclosed in yours of the 14th. Febry. We are pleased to find the Rajah has recommended the Nabobs family to your protection, as he cannot now take umbrage or hereafter reproach you for shewing them favour when he himself has requested it.

The Situation of Affairs here will at present by no means admit of our taking a part in those of the Nabob & Rajah of your Government, you will therefore on all occasions avoid it, the necessity of the Rajahs Schemes obliges him to grasp at such measures as are most likely to support them, he is powerfull at present & by his influence may greatly benefit or prejudice your Affairs, therefore avoid disputes with him & by all means keep fair with him.

Our Honble Masters Ship Durrington was dispatch'd for England the 9th. Instant with a full Loading.

Since writing the former part of this Letter We have reced. yours of the 28th. Febry. inclosing a Letter from the Rajah demandg. of you the Kisty Money which we would have you pay as a refusal may irritate him & it certainly is in his power at present to do us infinitely great prejudice.

The President has communicated to Us several Letters to him from Ibrahim Ally Cawn complaining of the difficultys he labours under for want of money & desiring our Assistance, tell him the President will shortly send him the produce of the Cargo he has consigned to him & that we shall always be glad to serve him but weive [*sic*] if possible the subject of lending him money, We cannot answer it to the Company.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS
&CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 25TH. MARCH 1754.

No. 48.

TO FOSS WESTCOTT ESQR. PRESIDENT
AT INGERM.

SIR

We have reced. your Letter of the 9th. Febry. which requiring no particular Answer this only serves to cover Duplicate Invoice & Bill of Lading for what Consigned you on the Charles Schooner, you will find inserted in it the Guns which in our Letter of the 19th. Ulto. we told you could not be sent, but on consulting the Engineer afterwards we were informed could be spared.

The Durrington with her compleat Tonnage was dispatched for England the 9th. Instant.

Since writing the foregoing We have receiv'd your Letter of the 6th. March acquainting Us of the Rajahs demand if he persists in requiring the Annual Present made to the possessor of Peddapore Fort it must be complied with as it would be imprudent to irritate him at a time when it is in his power to

prejudice us so greatly as he may now, you were very right in the answer you returned him on his demand of the Annual Present to the Nabob of Rajahmundrum tis of such weight that probably he may press you no further on that Account.

We are

Fort St. George

Sir

the 25th. March 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 49.

To Mr. John Andrews Resident
at Madapollam.

Sir

By the George Sloop we sent you what Military we could spare with Ammunition &ca. but before the Invoice could be compleated & the Advices closed Captain Reason thought proper to sail, & they were not sent till some time after when another Conveyance offered, Duplicates accompanys this.

Your Letter of the 3d. Febry. is received we hope the Men sent you on the George will have the good effect you expect.

The Durringtons Loading for Europe being compleated she was dispatched for England the 9th. Instant.

Since writing the above we have received your Letters of the 1st. & 6th. Instant.

Serjeant Haycock whom we sent you with the Detachment on the George Sloop having given proofs on Several Occasions of his bravey & Attachment to the Service, We have agreed to allow him five Pagodas a month over and above his usual pay as a reward for his past behaviour and an Encouragement to continue it, you will pay it him accordingly.

The Detachment was not promised Batta nor is to have it, what reason can there be for such an Allowance, we see none.

We cannot spare any Field pieces, make use of the Detachment sent you to the best advantage, & we are in hopes it will be sufficient to answer your purpose.

We are

Fort St. George

Sir

the 25th. March 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

No. 50.

To Captain Nathaniel Hammond
of Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board the said Sloop & make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief & Council there and follow such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 25th. March 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 51.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

This by order of the President & Council is to enclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for thirty Washing Stores Consigned to you on the George Sloop.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
Jos: Du Pre,
Secry.

Fort St. George.
the 3d. April 1754.

No. 52.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have rec'd your Annual Address being as you term it (a Summary of the transactions of your Settlement) dated the 6th. of March, by the purport of it, it does not appear a work of so much difficulty but that it might have been transmitted us in January as usual.

An honest diligent endeavour is all that is required by our Honble Masters in the several branches of their Affairs improbabilitys are not expected, this being strictly observed there will be no occasion to waste 3 or 4 sides of paper with specious pretences to varnish over your conduct, & thus in regard to your Investment, for the better part of the year you were so surrounded by the Enemy that it was even difficult to get provision, & your Deputy Governour wrote, the Merchants would not bring the Cloth to Deve Cotah, Supposing your Cash Chest had been full of what effect would it have been. We therefore judged the Season more proper to retrench the Ballances than make advances & gave you directions accordingly & to these orders more than your Indifatagable [*sic*] Industry the reduction of them was owing, after the Seat of War was removed these cautions also subsided & then our advise to you was to sprinkle small sums amongst your Merchants, there was no Occasion for introducing a new one, this

man with ready money only bought up what would of course have fallen into the hands of your old Merchants, the cloth was the same sortment & from the same market & it is a general remark in trade than the more Competitors the more likely to enhance the prices or debase the Fabrick besides every additional Merchant has constantly a sum of the Compys money lying dead in his hands therefore observe it as a General Rule never but upon necessity to make new ones, the Communication with Salem is cut off whether your Merchants have had Cloth lying there so long is much a doubt, We should rather conclude they would have disposed of it to those of other Settlements.

You will be carefull at the end of the year to let as few debts remain outstanding as possible.

It is with concern We observe the unsettled situation of the Country which occasions an extraordinary Expence in all the Settlements this head requires your particular attention, for your Government lay before you a sett of former Books, come as near to them as you can & avoid every charge but what is absolutely necessary.

Though the Fortifications & repairs are under the direction of the Engineer yet let it be your care to supply him with as many workmen & Cooleys as can be procured see the materials purchas'd are good & not over rated, that there be no Embezzlement & that the Artificers & Cooleys are regularly & justly paid no repairrs be made without previously acquainting us & transmitting an Estimate of what it may amount to.

If Our Hoñble Masters this Season send Us any Covenanted Servants, We shall supply you.

You will keep strictly to the regulations of Military & Seapoys Stipulated for your Settlement.

The Excuse you make in regard to your Books & Accounts is so lame & absurd that instead of exculpating it only makes you appear the more remiss, you ommitted to send us your General Address till the 6th. March wnich should have been transmitted in January & at the same time we received your Books which should have been here in Novr. by which means we have been unable to make to our Hoñble Masters the proper remarks on the transactions of your Settlement, it is a constant Rule that our Books be closed in Novr. & your should be sent before that time, the Deve Cotah Books cannot be Ballanced, because you have from time to time neglected to send them Accounts of the several stores &ca. supplyed them with. These are neglects unpar[don]able & such as our Hoñble Masters will not fail to remark, tis disagreable to Us to be obliged thus constantly to remind you of your Duty & We hope you will give us no further Occasion for it.

We are

Fort St. George. Gentlemen

the 8th. April 1754. Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 53.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

There are several particulars in some of your Letters which we purposely deferred answering that we might consider them more at leisure, we have done so, & shall now give you our Directions.

In our Letter of the 23d. January in answer to yours of the 14th. We gave you our reasons for not sending you the particulars of the Stewards Account furniture at St. David as the Articles stand charged in our Books, we have considered how this Account may best be adjusted & we see no other method than by taking a List of all the Furniture now in being valuing each article as near as possible to its real present worth & writing of the difference you will therefore order such a List to be made & valued & send it to Us with the old List in which much be remarked what Articles are now deficient & by what means; this done you will wait our further directions.

We have weighed what the Trevendeporum Renter urges to obtain an abatement of Rent, as stated in your Letter of the 31 January, & on recourse to our Advices we do find that the Morattas for several Months in the beginning of the year did infest that Country, & doubtless considerable damages have been sustained, but for the last six months the War has been entirely in & about the Tritchenopoly & Tanjore Country's & the Companys Bounds have been unmolested; We cannot therefore from the Accounts we have had conceive that a country let for Eight thousand Pagodas ℔ Annum can have suffered so considerable as that the Revenue should be reduced to 1,550 Pagodas which is what you estimate the last years collection at Representations of this kind were made to Us by the Renters of Poonemallee & St. Thomé but on strict enquiry we found their Losses greatly exagerated & we agreed to abate them what we judged they might actually have suffered offering at the same time to allow them the whole damage they would solemnly swear to in their Pagoda which they never thought fit to comply with you must pursue the same method.

You say in your Letter of the 16th. February that Mr. Hopkins has desired you to apply to Us for leave to write Off 166 shells which were lost by the Stranding of a Boat. You may acquaint him he has our permission to do so, as Accidents of this sort cannot always be guarded against.

With the same Letter you sent Us an Estimate of the Charge of new paving the Bridge to the Westward of the Fort, We would by all means have it done with stone, which tho' more costly at first than Brick will in the end turn out much cheaper, as experience has already shewn in that same bridge which was paved with Brick but a few years ago.

In your letter of the 21st. February you desire a supply of Copper Cash which you say is scarce in your Buzar, we suffer the same inconvenience here, & it will ever be the case whilst the intrinsick value of copper is greater than what the Coin passes for. If the Europe ships should bring Us a proper sort & quantity of Copper we propose to consider of some effectual remedy to this evil.

In regard to Capt. Schaub's application to you which you mention in your Letter of the 27th. February acquaint him that he may demand of Mr. Dupleix in our name (if it be necessary & he has not already done so) the Effects of his Officer Mr. Prevost, as his dying in the Romish persuasion cannot give Mr. Dupleix any right to them.

We have lately sent a quantity of Arms to Deve Cotah so that the five hundred Stand you desire in your Letter of the 8th. March is not so necessary nor indeed can we well spare them.

You sent up in October some Horse Saddles &ca. but omitted to mention the value of each Article for want of which they cannot be brought to Account properly.

By the Companys Sloop Dragon you sent Us up only Fifty Bales tho' you must have had more in readiness for but two days afterwards you consigned us on the Sloop Mary a Country Vessell Eighty, our reason for remarking this is that we have before observed the Companys Vessells are crouded with private Merchandize this we apprehend was the case with the Dragon or we know not how to account for the small number of Company's Bales sent on her, it is certain she stowed Ninety from the Northward & we imagine is equally capable of taking in as many from St. David for the future no private Merchandize must on any Account be suffered to go on board the Companys Vessells when there is a full loading of Companys Goods or untill all that is intended to be sent on the Companys Account is on board & then upon Freight.

If Mr. Hopkins at Deve Cotah should write you for any fanams, the supplies we have lately sent you will we imagine enable you to comply with what he may want, if not let us know & we shall provide accordingly.

The Forty Barrells of fine Gun powder you desire in your Letter of the 25 March shall be sent you by the first Conveyance.

By Letters just rec'd from Bengal we are advised that Coll. Scott intended in a few days to proceed to this Coast in one of the Companys Sloops to relieve Major Lawrence in the Command of the Army in case he should touch at St. David which is not improbable the Enclosed Letter is to be delivered to him, it contains our request that without Coming hither which would occasion a great loss of time he will take the first opportunity of proceeding to Camp on his arrival you will accommodate him in a proper manner and shew him all due honours.

Fort St. George
the 8th. April 1754.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 54.

To Caroline Frederick Scott Esqr.

Sir

We have the satisfaction to observe by your Letter of the 9th. March that in Consequence of our request you intended in a few days to sett out on one of the Companys Sloop to relieve Major Lawrence in the command of the Army on this Coast. As all Vessells from the Bay are obliged at this Season of the year to make the Land to the Southward of this place we think it not improbable but that you may touch at St. David which is the reason of our forwarding this Letter thither to request that as soon as it is convenient you will proceed from thence to Camp without giving yourself the trouble of coming to this Presidency which might occasion a great loss of time in your return to the southward the passage by Sea being sometimes very tedious & proper conveyances not always to be met with & that by Land too dangerous to be attempted.

Major Lawrence have been constantly advised of every transaction & will of course be able to give you full information of all circumstances and we shall advise you by Letter of whatever may occur. We wish you success in the command & are

Sir
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 8th. April 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 55.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

Your Several Letters of the 24th. & 27th. Febry. 7th., 15th., 17th., & 28th. March are reced. with the Bale of Musters by the Cuddalore and the Piles by the Prawn and Shrimp.

We take notice of the large quantity of Bales the Merchants promise, first we must remark that our Intention is to carry on an Investment at Deve Cotah so far as it does not interfere with St. David & that the Prices will Ballance the Extraordinary Charges We must be at. We apprehend the Sially Cloth is the only proper manufacture of your Country & to contract for the other Sortments would only be making a new Sett of Merchants who would be Competitors with those of St. David & in the end be of no Service, We therefore think you should endeavour to improve this Branch only & when our Ships from Europe arrive we will for that purpose supply you with Cash, One Merchant will be sufficient & the prices must be 1½ Pagoda ℔ Corge less than the prices at St. David.

On perusing your Accounts we observe all Expences on Account of the several detachments sent to Deve Cotah in their way to Camp, Stores &ca. Charges on Account of Expeditions are carried to the heads of Charges General & Charges Extraordinary which is very wrong for the future observe it as a rule that the settled Garrison of Deve Cotah is to be one Company of Military & one Company of Seapoys & no more, whatever Troops may at any time be with you whether to remain there or to be sent on Detachment are to be deemed in the service of Nabob Annaverdy Cawn, & their pay, Batta & Charges are to be carried to this Account as are also all Stores & Charges whatsoever supplied or occasioned by our attachment to his Cause & for what is past you must revise your Accounts & write of all Articles of that sort to the Nabob's Debit.

We have lately sent the Gentlemen at St. David a plentiful supply of fanams to avoid the necessity of changing Pagodas in the several Employs & We have directed them to furnish you with what you may want for discharging all small Articles that do not amount to an exact Pagoda this will avoid the necessity there would otherwise be of erecting a head of Batta in your Books in order to Credit the Company for the difference on Exchange.

Mahauphooz Cawn has at length acquainted us that he is ready to march to his Brothers Assistance in case we would send a party of Europeans with him, which to prevent further delays & for the greater security we consented to & have ordered a detachment of our Military under the command of Ensign

Paccard to accompany him as far as Deve Cotah on their arrival the said detachment must be returned to Us by Sea, the Dragon Sloop sailed from hence the 26th. Ulto. with the Revd. Mr. Palk on board for your place, if on the receipt of this you should not have dispatched that Vessell back to Us, detain her to bring the said detachment hither & you may fill her up with Piles, but no more are to be sent Us on freight without our further directions. You must be mindfull when you return the party to give the Commandg. Officer a Certificate, at the foot of a Muster Roll of the Men, that they are Military in the Honble Companys Service passing from their Garrison of Deve Cotah to their Settlement of Fort St. George & order the Commander when he approahes Pondicherry to keep as far out to Sea as he may think safe.

We have heard that a large party of Morattas Horse are in Motion from Seringham Northwards, be as secret as possible with respect to Mahauphooz Cawn's March & send him what Intelligence you can of the Motions of the Morattas.

Your Letter of the 2d. Instant advising of your having sent Us five hundred Piles by a Country Boat is just received.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 8th. April 1754

No. 56.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We wrote you the 8th. Instant that Mahauphooz Cawn had consented to march & that we had ordered Ensign Paccard with a detachment of Europeans to accompany him as far as Deve Cotah, it is probable the Enemy may endeavour to oppose their march, be as diligent as possible in discovering the Enemys motions & if you have good reason to think that sending out the party now with you to meet Mahauphooz Cawn & our detachment will facilitate their Junction & may be done with safety we would have you do so, Ensign Paccard is advised that we have wrote to you on this subject and he will acquaint you of this rout.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 11th. April 1754.

No. 57.

To the Right Honble Jacob Mossell Esqr. Govr.
General of the Netherlands India &ca. &ca. &ca.
Resident at Batavia and to the Honble the
Gentlemen of Council there.

Right Honble Sir
&
Honble Sirs.

We had the Honour of writing to you the 16th. of last month by a Sloop bound to the West Coast of Sumatra & now enclose a Duplicate to which we do not doubt but that we shall receive a Satisfactory answer from a relyance on your Excellency's &ca. Councils friendship for the English Nation, as a proof of this confidence our Honble Compys. Ship Colchester Capt. Roger Mainwaring being in want of repair we send to your Port & request your Excellency &ca. Council will permit & even assist the Commander to refit his Ship with Expedition. He has our orders to purchase with your Excellency's &ca. councils leave a Cargo of Timber & planks for Acct. of our Honble Company, & we hope you will give him, full permission to do so.

We have Honour to be very perfectly
Right Honble Sir & Honble Sirs
Your most Obedient Humble Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 12th. April 1754.

No. 58.

To Captain Roger Mainwaring
of Ship Colchester.

Sir

In Consequence of a Letter to Us dated the 1st. Instant signed by you & your principal Officers, representing that the Ship Colchester is in want of sundry material repairs which you apprehend cannot be executed in the River of Bengal & requesting our Orders for your proceeding to a proper port to refit, We are of Opinion that if the defects of your ship are of such a nature as cannot admit of substantial repair at Bengal, Batavia is the properest & most convenient place & therefore you are hereby required to repair on board your Ship & proceed thither with the utmost dispatch whereon your arrival you will lose no time in giving your ship such substantial repairs as that she may be in a proper Condition to return hither & proceed to Europe with a Cargo on the Honble Company's Account which if you should arrive here on or before the 21st. of September next we propose to put on board your Ship & dispatch you to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, we therefore recommend to you the utmost diligence in the course of your present Voyage to, at, and from Batavia.

That your Ship may not return hither empty we have resolved that a Cargo of Timber & plank be laden on her at Batavia for which purpose we do hereby appoint you & in case of your decease, the Commander of the said Ship Colchester for the time being, the Honble Company's Agent or Agents for purchasing a full Loading thereof on the best terms & Conditions possible & to enable you to procure the same we have laden on the said Ship Colchester & Consigned to you or the Commander for the time being one Chest containing 10,000 Arcot Rupees as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Inclosed, if this sum should not be sufficient you are to take up as much more as you may want at Batavia & draw on Us for the Amount, for your Guidance as to the Sorts & sizes of Timber & plank we would have purchased we refer you to a List or Indent in the packet & for your Information. We also enclose Copy of an Invoice of the Prince George's Cargo of Timber &ca. purchased at Batavia.

As an Encouragement to you to exert yourself in faithfully discharging the trust reposed in you we do hereby promise you a Gratuity or Commission of five ℘ Cent on the amount of the Invoice of the Cargo so to be purchased by you to be paid on the delivery thereof at this Port.

Tho' We have Commissioned you to purchase a Cargo on the Hon̄ble Company's Account we do not mean to have the ship detained for that purpose, but whilst she is repairing you may contract for the proper quantity & sorts & have every thing in readiness that so you may not on this Account run the least risque of arriving here later than the limitted time being the 21st. September.

In the packet is a Letter to the Governour & Council of Batavia which on your arrival there you will deliver as directed, it is to request they will permit & assist you in repairing & Loading your Ship as abovementioned.

We wish you a good voyage & Date this in Fort St. George the 12th. day of April 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

INDENT OF TIMBER TO BE BROUGHT FROM BATAVIA FOR THE HON̄BLE COMPANY.

Teak planks 5½ inches or not less than 5 inchs. thick 16 and 18 inchs. broad	4,000 feet.
Do. 4½ Do. or not less than 4 inchs. thick 16 and 18 inchs. broad	2,000 feet.
Do. 3½ Do. or not less than 3 inchs. 12 and 14 inchs. wide	3,000 Do.
Do. 2 Do. Do.	3,000 Do.
Sheathing boards of 18 or 20 foot long 1¼ or not less than 1 inch thick	3,000 Boards.
Sheathing boards of ¾ inch thick as long and wide as can be got ..	3,000 Do.
Timbers of 22 feet long 12·13 or 15 inches square	60 Timbrs.
Do. 22 foot long 9·10 or 11 inches square	60 Do.
Joists timbers 18, 20 or 22 foot long 6 by 7 inches	300 Do.
Do. Do. 6 by 4 inches	200 Do.

Should the Ship be incapable of taking in the whole, it must be observed to procure a proper proportion of each Article.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. APRIL 1754.

J. BROHIER.

No. 59.

TO THE HON̄BLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HON̄BLE SIR & SIRS

The several Letters your Honour &ca. Council have favoured us with & which we are now to reply to are dated 27th. Decemr. 17 January 1st. 8th. and 9th. March the last day by our Hon̄ble Masters Sloop Syren which arrived here yesterday with Colonel Scott.

The late detention of the Colchester at the Negrais made it impracticable for her to reach you in time to be dispatched this season for Europe, & the ship being in want of very material repairs the Commander proceeded hither for our further directions; We have sent him to Batavia to refit & return to us by the

middle of September to be dispatched to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, but lest any Accident should prevent his Arrival in home, that we may not in that case be deprived of a September Ship we propose to detain one of the Ships of this season untill the Colchesters return, or to be dispatched in her stead.

We shall say no more in relation to your Ships importing at the southern ports on this Coast than that we are well pleased your Honour &c^{a}. have wrote to our Honble Masters on the subject, we represented it to you because we found it amongst their orders & it therefore was our duty to do so, if upon your Statement of the case they shall see cause to reverse their former directions we shall be well satisfied.

The Officers your Honour &c^{a}. sent us by the Dragon have been ranked in your detachment agreable to your desire.

It would give us great pleasure if we could by any means contribute to the disposal of your woolen Goods agreable to your Letter of the 17th. Janry. it will be needless to offer any Arguments to Shew the improbability of our getting off any part here when we inform your Honour &c^{a}. that till the 10th. Instant we had not been able to dispose of a piece of last years Importation, not above half was sold then & that at a very trifle advance, every Bale of it remains Still in our Godowns & may probably continue there uncleared for many months to come, under these Circumstances were we to detain here any part of what may be consigned to you this season it would certainly have the effect on our sales, which your Honour &c^{a}. very justly apprehend with respect to yours, as it will answer therefore no good end we beg leave to decline it.

As the Coast & Bay ships are chiefly loaded with consignments for your Presidency it would be attended with great Inconvenience were we to order one of them to relieve the Egmont without proceeding first to Bengal, we therefore leave it your Honour &c^{a}. to send such ship to the Negrais for that purpose as you may think proper.

The Packing Stuff &c^{a}. ℘ Durrington turned out agreeable to Invoice.

Agreable to your desire we shall send you this season no more Redwood than the Company's Ships can take in.

We come now to your last Letter where you acquaint Us you propose to dispatch a Ship to England in Septem^{r}. if we can furnish Bales for 200 Ton, we have already informed your Honour &c^{a}. that we intend to load the Colchester for Europe which will take up full as many Bales as we can answer for, but even should we have a surplus they will absolutely be necessary for our Janry dispatch when we hope to be able to supply half the Tonnage of one Ship, we should have no objection to complying with your Honours proposal by filling up a ship in September & loading one entirely in Janry. but that we think our present scheme will be as advantageous to the Company, & should they send out a small ship this season which is probable, the True Briton being in turn, besides the Anson which went home last season your Honour &c^{a}. will have an opportunity of compleating that Tonnage entirely, we are therefore to request your Honour &c^{a}. will send us a Ship half loaded in Janry, if between this & then we should see any prospect of being able to do more we shall give you due advice.

We must very candidly confess our inability to employ any of the Companys Ships on freight this season, the Markets in every part of India are so overstocked & Trade is so dead that it would be attended with a certain loss, our Experience has already convinced Us of it & the reports we have of the unsuccessfull voyages of a number of ships from your port are such corroborating proofs that we should rather chuse to dispose of our own ships could we meet with purchasers for valuable Considerations, than employ them where the prospects are so unpleasing.

The President & Council of Bombay have remitted us seventy five thousand Arcot Rupees by Bills on the Shroffs here, which they desire us to forward to you by a safe conveyance, we shall comply with their request by the Companys Sloop Syren which we shall very shortly dispatch to Deve Cotah with Colonel Scott, her detention on this Account we are in hopes will be but short and we shall then immediately return her to you.

Application was made to Us some time ago by Lieut. Cudmore for leave to return to Bengal the reason he offered was that he had been informed Lieut. Godwin had lost his rank on your establishment by his long absence on this Coast, which made him apprehend he might suffer in the same manner, we satisfied his doubts by acquainting him we should address your Honour &ca. in his behalf & all the other Bengal Officers that their services here may be no Bar to their advancement with you.

Lieut. Godwin lately requested of us to be put upon this establishment, as his behaviour has been much to the satisfaction of his superiours, we have complied with his request & granted him a commission of first Lieut. of one of our Companys of Artillery.

Captain Robert Sanders on returns [*sic*] to you on the ship Eagle by which this waits on you in the packet is a List of Several persons whom we send to you on the same Vessel, considering the situation of our affairs here with respect to the French We do not think it adviseable to keep the deserters in our Garrison.

The two accompanying Letters we are desired to forward to you, one we reced. from Bombay the other from the Negrais.

We compleated the Durringtons Tonnage & dispatch'd her to England the 9th. Ultimo.

We are advised from Tellicherry that the Salisbury Prince Edward & Tavistock sailed respectively from thence the 10 Janry. 28 Febry. & 3d. March the Prince Edward for Batavia & the other two for Anjengo & England, that the Winchelsea arrived their the 6th. Febry. & the Montfort and Stafford the 11th. March & were to proceed to Bombay in two or three days.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 16th. April 1754.

Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

No. 60.

To the Honble Stephen Vermont Esqr. President & Governour of Negapatam and its Dependencys and to the Gentlemen of Council at Negapatam.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We are much concerned at the occasion of this address which is to inform you that we have this Instant rec'd Advices from our Chief & Council at Vizagapatam that a large party of Morattas were laying waste that Country with fire & Sword, and amongst other places which had felt the Effects of their fury both the Town & your Factory at Bimblipetam had been reduced to ashes, their attack on it was so sudden & unexpected; that the Gentn. your Agents had but just time to make their escape in the cloaths they slept in this happened the 1st. Instant, as soon as the news reach'd our Chief & Council at Vizagapatam they immediately sent out a party of Peons with Palankeens to give what

assistance they could to your distressed Gentlemen & luckily met them between Bimblipatam & Walteer about two of the cloth [*sic*] in the morning. Your Chief of Bimblipatam being desirous of seeing whether anything can be recover'd out of the Ruins of that Factory our Gentlemen were getting ready a small sloop to carry him there by Sea. This News tho' disagreable is what we think ourselves in friendship bound to communicate to you immediately that you may take such measure as you shall think best. We have the Honour to be very perfectly.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18TH. APRIL 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient humble Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 61.

TO RICHD. STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The Application you acquaint us in your Letter of the 6th. Instant that the Governour of Negapatam has made to you to suffer Goods belonging to the Dutch to pass out of the Company's Bounds without being Chopp'd appears to us extraordinary, it would certainly open a door to many frauds, & therefore we are averse to any such innovation for we do not recollect that it had ever been allowed, whatever the Dutch Gentlemen may pretend; that you may be no more embarrassed with their representations on this head, write them that you are not authorized to break thro' the Company's established Rules & that whatever they may have to offer on the subject should be addressed to Us.

We observe the low state of your Cash, & should have supplied you before now had we had a good Conveyance, we hope in a few days to send you a Lack of Rupees by the Syren Sloop on which Colonel Scott arrived here the 16th. Instant from Bengal.

Your Indent shall be complied with.

In perusing your Export Warehousekrs. Account for Febry. we observe under the head of charges Merchandize an Article paid the washers for curing Callicoes; please to turn to our Letter of the 23d Janry. you will there find that we disapproved of this method & prescribed another, We shall say no more of this omission than that it is a further proof how little our directions are attended to.

We are
GENTLEMEN

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19TH. APRIL 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 62.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

Your two Letters of the 7th. & 12 Instant with the Piles they advise of are reced, we have already told you not to send any more on freight as they do not answer the expence.

Major Lawrence writes Us he is in want of Seapoys we judge three hundred sufficient for the protection of your Garrison & districts, therefore let all those that you may have above that number join the party with Captain Pigou to reinforce the Army when the Major Shall direct it.

Mahauphooz Cawn is at Arcot & does not seem disposed to begin his march tis still pretended his Troops refuse to move for want of his pay, we shall advise you as soon as we hear he is on his way, but we are apprehensive new pretences will be contrived to detain him.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 19th. April 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 63.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

As it may not be convenient to send the Syren Sloop to you so soon as We expected & no other proper Sea Conveyance being nowhere, we enclose you a Bill on Nauchapa Chitty Linga Chittys Agent at Fort St. David for 10,000 Pagodas at 10 days sight & we should not be able very shortly to supply you by Sea we shall make you such further remittances as may enable you to comply with the demands from Camp and those of your Garrison.

We have appointed Captain George Gardiner to succeed the late Capt. Crompton at Vizagapatam of which we desire you will give him notice that he may take the first Opportunity of proceeding hither in order to take his passage for that place which must on no Account be delayed as that Garrison is extreamly bear [*sic*] of Officers & the precarious situation of affairs there requires a watchfull eye. Mr. Bryan Scottney (for whom we have ordered an Ensigns Commission to be drawn out) must proceed to Deve Cotah to supply the place of Lieut. John Frazer whom we have ordered to accompany Capt. Pigou's party to camp.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 22d. April 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 64.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief at Deve Cotah.

Sir

Lieutenant John Frazer has desired our leave to proceed to Camp, the reasons he offers have induced us to comply with his request & he is to accompany Capt. Pigou's party of which you will give him notice, to supply his place we have wrote to the Gentlemen at St. David to send you Mr. Bryan Scottney for whom we have ordered an Ensign's Commission to be drawn out.

Fort St. George
the 22d. April 1754.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 65.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By Order of the President & Council I enclose you a remittance of fifty thousand (50000) Arcot Rupees on Nauchuma Chitty, Linga Chittys Gomastah payable at ten days sight.

Fort St. George
the 4th. May 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. humble Servant
Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 66.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have your Letters of the 25th. 27th. and 29th. April to answer.

We have been disappointed in our views of supplying you with Cash by the Syren Sloop which is under Col. Scott's direction & he could not spare, as soon as we were certain of this we remitted you fifty thousand Rupees by Bill & shall send you further Sums very shortly, but we must repeat that our Treasure grows very low & you must husband it as much as possible, the Ballances due to Irshippa Chitty & Linga Chitty ought certainly to be paid as soon as Convenient and you have our permission to do so.

Enclosed you will receive the form of the oath to be administred to the Trevendeporum Renters which if they will take you must allow them whatever damages they will so swear to.

As soon we receive a supply of Copper from Europe we propose to coin a proper quantity of Copper Cash & shall then be mindfull of your wants, in the mean time you must bear with the present scarcity as well as we.

We are informed that Fanams are as plenty at St. David as here & that Pagodas may be exchanges to as great advantage if so there is no necessity for our supplying you with so large a quantity monthly as you write for, before we fix'd on the present method of making advances in fanams the Gentlemen in the several employs found means to supply themselves & we imagine it may be as easy to Exchange Pagodas out of the Cash Chest in which case Batta must be credited, for the difference; however if we should be mistaken in this, as soon as you set us right, we shall send you what may be necessary.

As you inform us your Ferry Boat is quite decayed, we consent to your building a new one agreable to the estimate you sent Us.

Write us whether you are in want of any & what Europe Stores, that you may have our directions for supplying yourselves out of any of the expected ships that may chance to touch at your Port.

There is an absolute necessity for Officers at Vizagapatam therefore acquaint Capt. Gardner we insist on his coming up hither by the very first Opportunity.

As it is extreamly proper we should have somebody constantly at the Court of Tanjore whilst Affairs remain in the present precarious situation therefore that no time may be lost in case Mr. Palk should be obliged to leave that place, we have appointed Mr. Andrew Newton to succeed him, of which we desire you will give him notice that he may be in readyness to proceed without delay whenever we may require it.

Ensign Scottney whom we lately ordered to Deve Cotah is to proceed to Camp his place at Deve Cotah is to be supplied by Lieut. Perceval, whom you will send there accordingly.

We have appointed Mr. Richd. Fairfield (who will shortly come to your assistance) to supply the place in your Council of Mr. Peter St. Paul deceased, he is also to succeed him in all his employs.

We are in Immediate want of some Chevaux de Frise but have none ready made, you have some in store which we desire you will send us by the first conveyance.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
THE 7TH. MAY 1754.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

Oath to be taken in by the Trevendeporom Renters.

The Party to be sworn is to attend before Sunrise & to bathe himself in the Pagoda Tank, he is to stand in sight of the Idol in his wet cloths & to have a Chaplet of Flowers put round his neck by a Bramin who is to administer Mint & Water to him at the same time, & read his deposition, he is then to proceed into the Temple & to prostrate himself before the Idol upon the Ground, in that posture his Deposition is to read to him a second time with a Denunciation out of the Vidam which is to this effect, May the Curse that does attend the Murder of a cow Bramin or Child at Cantia on the Sacred Banks of the Ganges attend me & may all the Ills that can attend mankind fall on my children if what I swear is false, & thereupon he is to rise from his prostration & in rising to extinguish the Lamp burning before the Idol with his hand.

N.B.—The Oath that is administered to him in the Sanscarret Language is to be interpreted to him in his own, send for the Mint & Water from Trevendeporum Pagoda.

N°. 67.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have rece'd your two Letters of the 18th. & 27th. April.

You say you have sent us Musters of 12 & 9 Call Chially Long cloth, we find in the Bale of Musters of Longcloth Chellimbrum of 12 Call. at Pags. 63–18 pr. Corge & Long cloth Salem of 9 Call at pags. 46–18 pr. Corge, but none of Chially, tho' even if they were the price of the latter will not answer as it is provided at St. David for pags. 47–18 pr. Corge & this difference will not defray the additional expence of servants &ca. that must attend the making an Investment at your settlement, as to the 12 Call Cloth we cannot say what the price is for none has been provided at St. David however you may write to the Gentlemen there to inform you what was formerly given and their answer you will communicate to Us.

Our Accountant informs us you have a head on your Books of " Expedition to Tritchenopoly " let this be wrote of to the head we have before directed you to open of " Nabob Mahomed Ally Cawn " & after you have wrote off to this Account all that should be discharged by it from Charges General & Charges Extraordinary send us up the whole account compleat from the 18th. March 1752 for since that time we have had no General Account, you must observe also to send us monthly an Account of whatever relates to the Nabob.

We approve of your employing the Dragon Sloop to carry Piles to St. David.

We are of Opinion that the Number of Military & Seapoys we limitted for your Garrison is sufficient for its defence, it is possible a further number may upon particular Occasions be necessary, but then you must advise us very Circumstantially and wait our directions without which not a Seapoy is to be raised.

On perusing your Accounts we observe considerable sums every month expended for Fortifications & repairs, we do not recollect to have given directions for setting about any works, & you must observe in future that none are to be undertaken without an Estimate first made of the charges & transmitted to us for our Approbation.

In your Accounts for March we find a Charge of no less than one hundred & three pieces of Dungaree used in that month & valued at 64 Pags. we cannot conceive in what uses such a quantity can have been expended, however we suspend our Judgement untill you inform us particularly, and acquaint us at the same time what sort of Dungaree it what [*sic*].

Ensign Scottney whom we lately appointed to replace Lieut. Frazer in your Garrison is also to proceed to Camp with Capt. Pigou and Lieut. Perceval from St. David has orders to supply his place.

FORT ST. GEORGE.
THE 8TH. MAY 1754

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 68.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you the 16th. Ultimo by Ship Eagle and now enclose a Duplicate.

We were in hopes that Colonel Scotts intention in coming hither had been to relieve Major Lawrence in the Command of the Companys Forces, but we have been disappointed & the Colonel now returns to you on the Syren. By your Honour &ca. Councils request in your Letter of the 19th. March that we would return that Vessell to you as soon as possible we had reason to imagine the Commander was instructed to follow our orders, but we soon found that he was put under Colonel Scotts Sole direction.

We omitted in our last to acquaint your Honour &ca. Council that we some time before directed Mr. Brooke at the Negrais to comply with an Indent for Timber & Plank which he informed us your Honour &ca. had sent him.

The late Mr. David Hunter having left some money at the Negrais which Mr. Wm. Perceval requested might be received into the Companys Cash there for Bills on your Honour &ca. Council we have directed Mr. Brooke to draw on you for the amount (but we cannot say exactly how much that is) in favour of Messrs. Maningham & Frankland & we shall credit your Presidency for the same.

Enclosed is an Account of Sundrys supplied the Syren Sloop for which you will please to credit Us.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 8TH. MAY 1754.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

P.S.—Our Treasure is extreamly low which obliges us to defer sending the money remitted to us by the Gentlemen at Bombay for your Honour &ca. untill another opportunity.

No. 69.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have reced. your Several Letters of the 26th. March 2d. & 15 April & with great concern observe the devastations which those merciless Enemy's the Morattas are committing in the Northern province, as little distinction is made by them between Friends and Foes & one General Calamity involves the whole, we entirely approve of your conduct & would by all means have you continue to act on the same principle, at the same time we must caution you against receivg. into the Town a greater number of people than you can provide for; it is certain that the laws of hospitality & Humanity may sometimes justifye the straining a point, but it must always be remembered that the first law of nature is self preservation, very fortunately just at the time that we reced. your last Letter three Vessells imported here from Bengal with rice which we purchased immediately & shall send down to you by every conveyance we can procure, the quantity is pretty near what you write for.

On the receipt of your Letter advising us of the burning of Bimblepatam, we directly wrote to the Gentlemen at Negapatam to acquaint them of that unhappy Event & of your friendly Offices to their Agents, we have reced. their thanks with a request that all further assistance in your power may be given them which we desire you will do, tho' we cannot say any friendship We have ever met with from the Dutch in India can entitle them to it so much the greater therefore will be their Reproach & our Praise.

We are very sensible how necessary it is you should be supplied with Officers, we are ourselves destressed. but we sometime ago ordered Captain Gardner at St. David to come up hither immediately that he might proceed to you by the first Conveyance, a sudden illness prevented him but we have Repeated our Orders & as soon as he is able to travel we shall admit of no delay; Ensign Simon Hart now upon an Expedition is also ordered in & is to proceed to you with Captain Gardner.

As there is a Mayors Court established here which has Jurisdiction over all the Company's Settlements on the Coast We cannot intermeddle in Capt. Cromptons Affairs, his Effects must therefore be sealed up & remain so untill some person be properly empowered by the Mayors Court to take charge of them.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 8th. May 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 70.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Your two Letters of the 22d. March & 6th. April are received the Account you gave us in the last of the Ravages of the Morattas was shortly after confirmed by Advices from Vizagapatam from whence We are since informed that they have been plundering the villages thereabouts almost under the walls notwithstanding which they pretend friendship to Us & Ibrahim Ally Cawn but they are by no means to be trusted for it is a well known principle of the Morattas to make no distinction & whatever they can seize is lawfull price, therefore be as much as possible on your guard; & if you can procure any proper vessell in your road to take in the Compys. Effects, let them all be embarked that in case of an Attack Our Honble Masters may suffer as little as possible.

We have laden & consigned to you on the Don Carlos the sundrys as ℔ Invoice & Bill of Lading Enclosed.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 8th. May 1754.

P.S.—The Don Carlos is either drove from her anchors & gone to Sea, or the people on board have run away with her, the Master being ashore.

No. 71.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

We have received your two Letters of the 22d. March and 4th. April.

We are advised from Vizagapatam & Ingeram that a large body of Morattas are committing terrible Ravages in that Province & have even ventured almost under the walls of Vizagapatam yet they pretend friendship to us & Ibrahim Ally Cawn, it is possible they may incline to us rather than to the other party, but if they do mean us well the only way to keep them our friends is not to leave it in their power to hurt us for Experience has often shewn that the promises of Morattas are not to be trusted & the temptation of plunder is to them irresistable, therefore to guard against the Worst & if you can procure a proper vessell to lye in your road, embark, all our Hon'ble Masters Effects untill all danger be past.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 8th. May 1754.

No. 72.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

I am ordered by the President & Council to advise you that our Honble Masters Ship St. George Capt. Robert Robinson from England, last from Madeira bound for this Coast & the Bay imported here this afternoon with Sixty two Military; as the several Ships bound for this Settlement & China may be daily expected, in case any of them should touch at your port, the Military are to be landed as well as the Military that may be sent from Bombay on any Ships that may chance to call at St. David. Enclosed is a List of Ships taken up for all parts of India.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient hble Servant
Jos. Du Pre,
Secry.

Fort St. George
15th. May 1754.

No. 73.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed your Honour &ca. Council the 8th. Instant when Colonel Scott was on the point of embarking on board the Syren on his return to you, but tis with much concern we are now to acquaint you that he was prevented by the violent attack of a Fever, of which he died the 12th. Instant, the Syren Sloop then fell under our management, but we detained here a few days in hopes of the arrival of a Ship from Europe in which we have not been disappointed; the St. George Capt. Robert Robinson from England, last from Madeira with Wine for this Coast & the Bay imported here yesterday, by her we have received such a supply of Treasure as enables us to forward to your Honour &ca. the 75,000 A.Rs. remitted Us from Bombay for your Use the Invoice & Bill of Lading whereof are enclosed. The only Advices we have relating to your Settlement are contained in the following Paragraph of our Honble Masters Commands dated 28th. Novr. 1753.

Parag: 12. "Having made a larger Investment of Woolen Goods for Ben-
"gal than the Ships designed for that Presidency can carry, we intend to laid
"the Surplus Bales being 300 on the Ship True Briton & as there will be
"room in the St. George upon the delivery of the Wine before mentioned to stow
"all or the greater part of the said Bales, you are therefore to send them on
"board that Ship & Consign them to the President & Council at Fort William,
"& you are hereby directed to detain the St. George untill the Arrival of the
"Ship True Briton with the said Bales accordingly.

The Orders to detain the St. George untill the True Britons arrival being express we shall obey them. Capt. Robinsons informs Us that ten days before he left Madeira a Vessell arrived there, which sailed from the Downs in Company with the several Ships bound to this Coast & China so that we are in hourly expectation of their Arrival. Enclosed is a List of Ships taken up for all parts of India, also one of those arrived in England.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 16th. May 1754.

No. 74.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SLOOP SYREN.

SIR

You are hereby required to proceed on board the said Sloop & make the best of your way to Bengal where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William & follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your future proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 16th. May 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 75.

TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

The 15th. Instant arrived here our Honble Masters Ship St. George Capt. Robinson from England last from Madeira with Wine for this Settlement & the Bay by her We have received 62 Recruits & expect as many by the other ships as they can conveniently bring. Our Advices are very short they caution us to be on our Guard & to defend the Company's Rights against all Invaders. We shall therefore continue to act on the same plan we have hitherto done untill we receive further Advices, & you must do the same.

We are just advised from Fort St. David that Capt. Gardner continues very ill, but as soon as he is in a condition to remove you may depend on his coming to you by the first Opportunity, in the mean time that you may have all the assistance we can give you. Ensign Simon Hart now takes his passage to you on the Sloop Elizabeth & is to remain at your Settlement, we have also ordered Mr. Thos. Haeth to your assistance in carrying on your works.

We have wrote to Fort St. David for some Chevaux de Frise which the Gentlemen there promised to send us by the first conveyance & we shall then lose no opportunity of forwarding them to you.

We shall send you the Rice we have purchased for supplying you as already advised, as we can procure a conveyance, you may expect a part very shortly.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends
THOMAS SAUNDERS &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19TH. MAY 1754.

No. 76.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Our Honble Masters Ship St. George Capt. Robt. Robinson from England & Madeira for this Coast & the Bay arrived here the 15 Instt. with 62 Recruits, & we may expect as many more by the others Ships as can be accommodated, Our Advices by the St. George are very short as the China Ships were to Sail soon after & are hourly expected to arrive when we may have more ample Instructions, in the mean time we shall continue to act on the same plan we have hitherto pursued and you will therefore observe that which we have so frequently recommended to you.

We Enclose a Duplicate of our last and are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 19th. May 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 77.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

The St. George Capt. Robinson from England and Madeira bound to this Settlement & the Bay imported here the 15 Instt. with 62 Recruits & we are promised as many more by the other Ships as they can accommodate, we are in hourly expectation of their Arrival as they were to sail very shortly after the St. George, our Advices are short & only enjoin Us in general to be on our Guard & defend the Company's Rights against all Invaders we shall therefore for the present make no Alteration in our plan & you will continue to act agreeable to the Instructions already given you.

A Duplicate of our last accompanys this.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 19th. May 1754

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 78.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

Your three Letters of the 11th. 15th. & 18th. Instant are received.

It is much more convenient the recruits should be landed with you than here therefore by all means use your Endeavours to stop any of the Europe Ships passing by but let their detention be as short as possible.

Of the Several Articles in your Indents you may land the Lead, Red and White Lead, Iron, Steel, & Sea Coals, Six & three Pounder Shot Bayonet Pieces, Carbines, Pistols, Flints & Drums also the 40 Barrels fine Gunpowder you wrote for the 25 March, most of the other Articles are contained in package which it would be inconvenient to land and open, and occasion loss of time, they had therefore better be sent from hence, and you may depend on being supplied as soon as we are able, the Captains have always a Copy of their Bill of Lading which you may require them to produce.

Several of the Officers at Camp having been wounded in a late Action has obliged Us to order Capt^ns. Pigou D'Illens and Innis to proceed there immediately and Captain Pascal to supply the place of Capt. Innis at Deve Cotah of which we desire you will give him notice, as Lieutenant Perceval is at present incapable of proceeding there we have ordered Ensign Scottney to remain in that Garrison.

We shall supply you with Fanams as you desire, but as this in a short time must make them very plenty with you, we rely on your advising us that we may not be put to the unnecessary Inconvenience of sending them from hence.

We called upon Capt. Mainwaring sometime ago for payment of several deficiencys by the Colchester to which he delivered his answer in writing an Extract of it so far as relates to you comes inclosed. It certainly behoves us on all occasions to be watchfull of the Companys Interest but it can in no case be our duty to exceed the bounds of strict Justice, You will see in what manner Capt. Mainwaring Accounts for the deficiencys of Red Wood & Salt Petre, his Allegations are plain & positive & if true will entitle him to an Allowance, that we may be enabled to determine this Affair equitably we desire you will answer his Assertions impartially.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Thomas Saunders &c^a. Council.

Fort S^t. George
the 22^d. May 1754.

No. 79.

To M^r. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

Several of the Officers at Camp having been wounded in a late action there makes it necessary their places should be immediately supplied with others capable of Duty, therefore acquaint Captains Pigou D'Illenis & Innis that they are as soon as possible to proceed to Camp, the Command of Captain Pigous Party will then devolve to Captain Lin & We have ordered Captain

Pascal from Fort St. David to supply the place of Captain Innis in your Garrison Lieut. Perceval whom we lately directed to replace Ensign Scottney has met with an Accident which for the present renders him incapable of Duty, Mr. Scottney must therefore remain with you.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 22d. May 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 80.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The Ship Fort St. David Anchored in our Road this afternoon and brought Us letters from the Gentlemen at Bombay advising that they have sent us on that Ship 97 Swiss and a detachmt. of 54 Military and on the Northumberland Snow 18 Topasses, a Lieut. a Serjeant & two Europeans Corporals, Captain Mackay informs us he has landed his men, at Fort St. David it would not have been amiss if you had acquainted Us of it, let this party be sent immediately to Deve Cotah to join that already there & when the Northumberland arrives send the detachment she brings thither also where they are to wait for Major Lawrence's Orders, acquaint them they are to have the same Batta as our Military there are some particulars to be observed with regard to their pay which you shall be acquainted within a day or two, time will not admit of sending a copy to you of the List at present. In case you should land any recruits from the Europe Ships keep them till you have our directions and in the mean time let them be disciplined.

Enclosed is a Bill of Exchange in your favour for ten thousand Pagodas drawn by Linga Chittee on his Agent Nauchuma Chittee at twenty days sight which please to receive and credit this Presedency for the amount.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 23d. May 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Just as the above Letter was closed last night the President reced one from Mr. Palk advising that the King had desired Capt. Pigou's party might immediately march thither we have however directed Mr. Hopkins to detain it a few days for the Bombay detachment therefore hasten their departure as much as possible even if Capt. Pigou should have moved as Mr. Hopkins will advise him of the reinforcement coming that he may take proper Measures for their Junction.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

the 24th. May in
the morning.

No. 81.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

The Gentlemen at Bombay have sent Us on the Ship Fort St. David a reinforcement of 97 Swiss Officers included and another detachment of 54 Military who are all landed at Fort St. David, we have directed the Gentlemen there to send them to Deve Cotah to join the party now commanded by Capt. Lin, we expect another detachment of 18 Topasses a Lieut: a Serjeant & 2 European Corporals by the Northumberland Snow who are also to be sent to you, the whole are to follow such Orders as they shall receive from Major Lawrence.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 23d. May 1754.

Sir

Late last night we received a Letter from Mr. Palk acquainting Us that the King of Tanjore had desired Captain Pigou's party might march directly thither, such an opportunity to oblige the King should not be omitted but as the Junction of the Bombay detachment will be a great addition of Strength and we have wrote to St. David to hasten their departure, detain Captain

Pigou's party till they arrive, but if Captain Pigou should have already marched advise him immediately of this reinforcement that he may take proper means to facilitate their Junction.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George
the 24th. May 1754.
in the morning.

N°. 82.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

In our Letter of the 23^d. we acquainted you that there were some particulars to be observed with regard to the pay of the Bombay Military, accordingly you will find Lists enclosed of what is to be paid to them respectively here and what Stopped at Bombay monthly of which you will give the proper notice to the Commissary at Camp.

Your two Letters of the 16th. and 22^d. May are now to be answered.

The Chevaux de Frise you sent Us on the Malacca Sloop are received.

We are not surprized at the objection of the Trevendeporum Renters to the oath we prescribed, these artfull People never fail to set up some ceremony or custom as a plea for doing or omitting what may serve or hurt their purpose, that the Oath we require is not contrary to their religion is very certain because We have it from their own people and we well know it has been taken by many, indeed it is the most and solemn and binding of any Oath amongst the Gentues and what few will dare venture to take falsely and that is the very reason we insist on it, we admit what they say that it is the condition of their Cowle to be protected from the Enemy and we are ready to allow them what they have suffered as soon as they have given Us sufficient and satisfactory proof, None can be so but the Oath we require therefore to prevent any further petitions pretences and dealys acquaint them it is our peremptory Order that they either pay the whole Rent or Swear to their damages which we will in that case and no other allow.

The reasons assigned for the extraordinary Amount of the Indent for your Hospital Cloathing are Satisfactory and the Indent may be complied with, this Branch always belonged to the paymaster and the Cloathing must now be supplied by him.

The President has reced. a Letter from Capt Ziegler desiring that his Company may have the same Indulgence in every respect as the former detachment were allowed, which if refused he apprehends will occasion desertion, requesting also an advance of pay for his Officers, and that he may be supplied with Cloth for cloathing his Company. As we have refused Diet money to the Bengal detachment we cannot without partiality which we shall on all occasions avoid, grant it to the Bombay Military, but as Capt. Zieglers Company is intended immediately for Camp and their Stay in Garrison can be but a few

days the officers may be allowed the usual Batta and the Men dieted as if they were actually in the field. Captain Ziegler gves as a reason for his request of an advance to his Officers, that their sudden departure from Bombay prevented their providing themselves with necessary's for a Campaign, there is a good deal of probability in this and we therefore consent to your advancing them what you may think reasonable, Capt. Zeigler may also be supplied with the necessary Cloth for cloathing his Company on paying for the same.

We shall dispatch the St. George Capt. Robert Robinson in two or three days at furthest with a reinforcement to Deve Cotah and we shall order the Commander to stand into your Road, that in case the Bombay Military should not be then gone to Deve Cotah agreable to our former directions he may give them a passage but that no time may be unnecessarily lost by his anchoring in case the detachment should be already gone observe to make these signals of which we shall apprize him if you would have him Anchor, make a Whif in the Flag & fire three Guns, if you would have him proceed without anchoring Strike your Colours and fire one Gun, and that you may know the Ship coming into your Road we shall order the Captain as soon as he is near enough in to heave his Ship too, fire one Gun and wait your Signals it is possible the St. George may have a long passage therefore don't let the Bombay detachment wait for her arrival but proceed as soon as possible, in case there should be no occasion for the St. George to anchor in your road going to, we shall order the Captain to touch there in returning from Deve Cotah to land sundry Stores and Treasure we shall consign you.

In case any of the Europe Ships should touch at St. David, as soon as you have landed the recruits, take the first Opportunity of sending as far as One hundred of them to Deve Cotah where they may be disciplined and held in readiness for what Service may be required.

We are

Fort St. George
the 29th. May 1754.

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 83.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

By your Letter of the 21st. we observe Capt. Pigou's party had marched in consequence of an Order from the Major, in our Letter to you of the 19th. April we directed that all the Seapoys with you exceeding three hundred should be sent with that party to reinforce the Army: tho' you say not one word whether you have complied with it or not we must conclude you have by your desiring leave to raise more you should always observe to be particular and exact in your Advices without which it is impossible for us to form a proper Judgement. If you can get good Seapoys you may raise three Compleat Companys and let them be well disciplined be very strict in this particular without which they often do more harm than service, these are not intended absolutely for your Garrison but may be employed wherever their service shall appear most usefull.

If you had paid a due regard to our directions you would have observed by our Letter of the 8th. Instant that no works were to be undertaken without an estimate first made of the Charge and transmitted to Us for our approbation, yet in less than a fortnight you ask our leave to set about repairing the passes without giving us the least Idea of the Cost, we expect more punctuality in future, for the present as you represent the repair of those passes absolutely necessary you may begin upon the most material and send Us an estimate immediately, You must observe also in future to explain very particularly in your Accounts the nature of the work done, mention the number of Cooleys or Workmen employed, the materials used, and every article distinct and separate.

In two or three days at furthest, we shall dispatch the St. George to you with about Seventy Military which we hope will be sufficient for your defence, the St. George is also to call at Fort St. David to transport the Bombay detachment to you if it should not be already gone, and we have besides directed the Gentlemen at Fort St. David in case they should land any Military out of the Europe Ships that may chance to touch there to send you immediately as far as one hundred whom you will take care to have properly disciplined, and if we see occasion we may send you more that they may be at hand to reinforce the Army or act otherwise as their service may be required.

The Killedar of Palam Cotah has made fresh applications to Us for assistance we find by our Letter of the 4 Febry. we gave you a discretional Power to assist him as far as was consistant with the safety of your Garrison on his paying or giving Security for the Charges, if you should find yourself strong enough on the arrival of the reinforcement we intend you to protect that place & defend your Bounds we would have you do so. we must at the same time caution you against being too adventurous, learn well the Strength of the Enemy and don't depend too much on the Men we shall send you, they are most of them new Recruits.

By the St. George we shall send you what Arms we can spare, for the Seapoys you are to raise.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE — SIR

THE 29TH. MAY 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 84.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

This is only to cover a Duplicate of our last with Invoice and Bill of Lading of one thousand Bags of Rice consigned to you by a Country Vessell called the Tagarey Somey, Doney Pointey Serang; We shall in a few days send you a further quantity with the Chevaux de Frise you indented for.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
29th. May 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 85.

To the Hon'ble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatched the Honble Companys Sloop Syren to you the 16th. Instant with two Letters of which Duplicates are enclosed.

Our Honble Masters having permitted Us to land Fifty Pipes of Madeira Wine from the St. George, out of one hundred & Fifty consigned to you, in case we should have a real occasion for it, We have detained thirty Pipes as there is a great demand for the supply of the Army, but in case We should have any more remaining than is actually wanted at the time of the departure of the latter ships from hence for the Bay we shall consign you all the surplus.

None of the China Ships are yet arrived.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient servants
Thomas Saunders & Council.

Fort St. George
the 30th. May 1754.

No. 86.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We wrote you the 29th. Instant that we intended in a few days to send the St. George to Deve Cotah with Orders to touch at your Port, we accordingly now dispatch her, with directions to the Commander to observe your Signals as advised in our last.

We have laden & consigned to you on this Ship One hundred Thousand Rupees & two thousand Pagodas worth of Fanams with sundry Stores as ₱ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, out of this supply of Treasure you may make your Merchants a moderate advance on Account of the Investment but don't leave yourselves bare for it is uncertain how long it may be before we can send you more tho' you may depend we shall do it as soon & as plentifully as the supplys from Europe will enable Us.

You may land from the St. George the one hundred Candy of Lead you Indented for, and thirty Pipes of Madeira Wine, which Capt. Robinson is directed to deliver on your Order.

In case the Bombay detachment should not be gone and that you should therefore order the St. George to anchor in your road you may take that Opportunity to land the Treasure, Stores &ca. if time will permit, but don't detain the Ship a Moment on that Account, for the Arrival of the detachment at Deve Cotah may be of consequence & in that case let the Ship call in returning, whether Capt. Robinson may anchor in your Road in his way to or from Deve Cotah he is in either case to be under your Orders.

We have sent what Buccaneer pieces were in Store, to Deve Cotah to arm three Companys of Seapoys we have directed Mr. Hopkins to raise so that we cannot comply with your Indent for that Article.

It has been intimated to Us that the same Stopages are made from the Invalids as from the other Military for cloathing, if so, it must be discontinued, and they are to be paid without deduction.

We are

Fort St. George
31st. May 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca.
Council.

No. 87.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief of
Deve Cotah.

Sir

We advised you the 29th. Instant of our Intention to send you a reinforcement by the St. George We accordingly now dispatch her to you with Sixty three Military as ₱ Margin a List of whom will be delivered you by Lieut. Hugh Machie the Commanding Officer.

2. Lieut.
1. Volunteer
2. Serjeants
3. Corporals
1. Drummer
35. Europe cent:
19. Topasses cent:

We have laden on board the St. George & consigned to you 20 Chests containing 500 Buccaneer pieces as ₱ Invoice and Bill of Lading enclosed, they may serve to Arm the Seapoys you are to raise.

Captain Robinson has our Orders as soon as he has landed the men and consignments to you to make the best of his way back to Us or Fort St. David, give him as quick a dispatch as you can.

The Nineteen Topasses now sent you belong to the Bombay Establishment, enclosed is Copy of a List transmitted Us from Bombay specifying what is to be paid them here and what at Bombay ℔ Month which you will carefully observe and in case any of them should hereafter be detached from your Garrison to Camp you must acquaint the Commissary there of this particular relating to their pay.

It has been intimated to Us that the same Stopages are made from the Invalids as from the other Military, which ought by no means to be done, let them be paid without any manner of abatement.

The King of Tanjore has complained that certain Braminys who at his Instance & request have long had the enjoyment of Maniams of free Grounds in the districts of Deve Cotah have lately been confined by you upon the Information of one Nagaboshen that the said Braminys were not the persons recommended by the King. Your manner of acting in this affair is not at all satisfactory to Us, nor have we any reason to be better pleased with your Conduct in regard to the Water Courses, whenever any disputes or doubts arise relating to matters of right priviledge or property, we ought to be consulted, and henceforward you will observe that points of this sort are never to be decided without our direction; in the present case it was extreamly ill judged to do any thing that could possibly give the King of Tanjore the least cause of disgust at a time when his Friendship is of such Consequence to Us and that We are using all the means in our power to obtain it, your Informant Nagaboshen has highly incensed the King [it] gives him a character not much to his advantage, we are told you have him in confinement as well as the Braminys, relase the latter immediately and keep the former in Custody untill you have our further directions.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE — SIR

THE 31ST. MAY 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

P.S.—Lieutt. Mackie is advanced the full pay for the Detachment for the Month of June.

No. 88.

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT ROBINSON
OF SHIP ST. GEORGE.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David Road, and as soon as you are near enough in that a Signal from the Fort may be plainly distinguished you are to heave your Ship too and fire one Gun by which your Ship will be known, and then observe well the signal returned from the Fort: in case they would have you anchor in the road they are to make a whif in the Flag and fire three Guns, but if they

would have you proceed they are to strike the Colours and fire one Gun; if the signal for anchoring should be made you are to obey it, and deliver the accompanying packet for the Deputy Governor & Council of Fort S^t. David as directed and follow all such Orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings, but if the signal should be made for your proceeding, you are then to make the best of your way to Deve Cotah where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Letter to M^r. Charles Hopkins Chief there, and follow his directions for landing the Military on board your Ship & Stores consigned to him which being done you are then to proceed to Fort S^t. David deliver the Letter for the Gentlemen there as above directed and follow their Orders for your future proceedings, We have permitted them to land such part of the Lead on board your Ship as they may have occasion for and also thirty Pipes of the Madeira Wine consigned to the President and Council of Bengal, which you will comply with and this shall be your sufficient Warrant DATED in FORT S^T. GEORGE the 31st. May 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS
&C^A. COUNCIL.

N°. 89.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQ^R. DEPUTY GOV^R.
&C^A. COUNCIL OF FORT S^T. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We dispatched the S^t. George from hence the 31st. Ultim^o. agreable to what we wrote you with a detachment for Deve Cotah and a Lack of Rupees, 72000 fanams, & sundry Stores for you in the Evening we received advice that the Boat in which were Capt^t. Ziegler and some others had been drove to Sadrass, we thereupon immediately dispatched orders to Capt. Robinson which fortunately reached him to touch at Sadrass to take them in.

What you say in your Letter of the 31st. in relation to Capt. Mainwarings deficiency convinces us that his plea in regard to the Redwood is reasonable and that it would be a great hardship on him to pay for what he did not actually receive, the seeming deficiency must however be accounted for by some means or other & the readyest way is to write it on your Books as you have discharged yourselves of all the quantity that appeared deficient here, more than you should have done for you received the wood at the real Weight the Deficiency is
Candy. Md. d.
39. 10. 23 for which we shall debit you. The Salt Petre we shall settle with Captain Mainwaring.

We are convinced our Honble Masters view in sending an Annual Ship to Madeira is not so much the profit that may arise to them from it as that their Servants may be supplied with wine at a reasonable rate, but this their indulgent intention has of late been frustrated by persons who have been employed to bid at the Outcry for the Dutch other & foreigners whereby the price has been immoderately raised, we have for these reasons Agreed that the Companys Servants Civil & Military shall be supplied this year at the rate of fifty two Pagodas a Pipe which turns out above twenty five ℔ Cent upon prime Cost, the thirty Pipes we have permitted you to land from the S^t. George may therefore be issued at that rate not exceeding one Pipe to those under the degree of a Junior Merchant and not exceeding two to those above, it would certainly be an unnecessary injunction to the Gentlemen not to desire more of that priviledge than they really want for their own use for none could be so mean as to abuse such an Indulgence by taking it for Sale.

We don't doubt but you have taken an Account of the remains of the Provisions shipp'd at Bombay for the Military on board the Fort S^t. David as well

as of the Utensils which we are informed were landed with the Men, these should be put under the care of the Storekeeper and an Account of them sent Us.

Mr. Hopkins writes Us that the Gun Carriages there are so much decayed that new ones are absolutely necessary some other repairs are also wanted, let Mr. Call take the first Opportunity of going there to Survey and report what is absolutely wanted that We may give our Directions in Consequence.

Major Lawrence has wrote pressingly to Us for a good Interpreter, our enquirys have hitherto been ineffectual & we apprehend it will be a difficult matter to find such an one here, possibly you may have better Success 'tis a matter of Consequence and we desire you will use your best endeavours to find out a Man of Integrity.

In September last you sent us up some Horse furniture by the Delawar, at the same time as our Military Storekeeper informs Us, four Basket Hilt Swords were reced. but not Invoiced, so that they cannot be brought to Account for want of knowing their value, enquire into this and advise Us.

Our Honble Masters Ship Stafford arrived here yesterday from Bombay & Tellicherry with two Officers 50 Europs. One hundred Topasses & Sixty Seapoys; We shall in a few days dispatch that Ship with the reinforcement to Deve Cotah, Capt. Green informs us he passed thro' your road the 2d. Inst. about 6 o'clock in the Evening so near as to be plainly seen but no signals were made to bring him in which had it been done would have saved a great deal of time and Inconvenience.

The Reverend Mr. Palk has desired our leader to return from Tanjore on Account of his health, but we hope he will be able to continue there sometime longer, however we would have Mr. Andrew Newton proceed there immediately that he may have the benefit of Mr. Palks advice before he leaves that Court which will be a great help to him afterwards.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 4th. June 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 90.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Yesterday our Honble Masters Ships Triton and Onslow imported here from England, what directions and remarks we have received touching your Investment shall be sent you in due time.

We are informed by private Letters that the Compys Ship Protector from Bombay is arrived at your Port with a Detachment of 50 Europeans & 250 Seapoys, which for the reasons wrote you the 5th Instant we would have dispatched

to us immediately on the same Ship, but the directions we gave you some time ago for landing the recruits from any Europe Ships that may touch at St. David and disciplyning them is still to be observed.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 9th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 91.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have now consigned you on a Country Boat called the Strejaganaugolo, Caura Raumooda, Syrang a further supply of 1000 Bags of Rice also some Chevaux de Frise, Invoice and Bill of Lading whereof are enclosed as also Duplicate of our last.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 12th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 92.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Yesterday 1000 Bags of Rice & some Chevaux de Frise were consigned to you by a Country Boat called the Strejanaugolo, and this by order of the President & Council is to enclose Invoice & Bill of Lading for 1200 more by the Boat Cotha Bukish, Meer Codee, Tindal.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Jos: Du Pre,
Secry.

Fort St. George
the 13th. June 1754.

No. 93.

To Richard-Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Your three Letters of the 7th. 8th. & 11th. Instant are reced. and we much approve of your ordering the detachment from the St. George on board the Protector in case of their meeting in the passage and the former Ship to proceed to you with the Treasure and Stores which was agreable to our Intentions we hope you have before this reaches you dispatched the St. George back to us, if not do it with the utmost diligence as we propose to order her to the Bay immediately.

We are in great want of Camp Kettles, & Tents as well for Officers as for private men & Bell tents for Arms if you have any in Store send us immediately by the St. George or by Boats (in case the St. George should be gone) all that you can spare of each sort for time will not allow of their being made at present as they are wanted for immediate Service.

We shall write to Deve Cotah to order the Dragon Sloop to cruise in the Offing for the Coast & Bay Ships & in case of meeting with any to order the Commanders to land the recruits and Arms at Deve Cotah but in case they should miss the Sloop and touch at St. David they are to be landed with you and both forwarded to Deve Cotah.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 14th. June 1754.

No. 94.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Ships Fort St. David, Northumberland, Fanny, Stafford and Protector are all safely arrived here & we have landed from them the several detachments you sent to our assistance, which with those we are still to expect by the Montford far exceed what we could have hopes to receive from you, so much the greater are our thanks for your readiness to support Us and we hope this mark of your zeal for our Honble Masters Interest will not be unnoticed by them, we beg leave to assure you it shall not want a proper remark from Us.

The several Letters we have reced. from you since our last are dated 2 March 10, & 25 April, 3, 12 & 20 May.

In that of the second of March you take notice that one Mahadnock Sonack a Seapoy who was sent to our assistance but returned to you denies having reced. any part of his pay here, 'tis certain he reced. none at this Place we shall enquire whether any was paid him at Camp.

The Gentlemen at Tellicherry have sent Us on the Stafford One hundred Topasses & Sixty Seapoys, we have given directions for incorporating the former in Capt. Forbes's Company agreable to what you write us. should we receive any from Anjengo which we doubt as the Season is advanced, they shall be disposed of in like manner.

We observe and shall pay a due regard to what your Honour's say of Capt. Armstrong's Commission to command the Seapoys which is not to prevent his rising in the Military.

We shall on all Occasions be very ready to serve those Gentlemen who made a voluntary Offer of coming to our assistance, but your Honour &c^a^. must be sensible it will be impossible to prefer them to Vacancys on our Establishment without disgusting the whole Corps, at the same time we must acknowledge that those Gentlemen are to expose their Lives on terms less advantageous than ours, but we foresaw this objection and mentioned it when we requested a supply of officers, in every other respect we shall pay a due regard to their merit and your recommendation.

Your Honour &c^a^. have not sent Us any Account of the Arms your several detachments were furnished with nor have you mentioned whether you propose to debt us for their value or for the amount of the Provisions Utensils and pay supplied & advanced them, we request your Honour &c^a^. will give us the necessary Information on that head; The Gentlemen at Tellicherry say they have debted Us for what supplied their detachment & we shall credit them accordingly.

The Bills for A.Rs^s^. 50100 which your Honour &c^a^. remitted Us by the Stafford are all accepted, the Amount when reced. shall be forwarded by the first safe Conveyance to Bengal as well as the Treasure you consigned us for the same purpose on the Protector, but the Bill of Exchange remitted by that Ship has been presented & Acceptance refused under pretence that there is an Error in the name of him on whom it is drawn the person meant is known here by the name of Gocaul Terwady whose Fathers name was Gocauldoss Pursotum he therefore refuses to accept or pay the Bill; this is nothing but a meer evasion for several of the Bills you before remitted us were drawn on him by the name of Pursotum & were paid without objection, We therefore return you a Protest of the Bill for non Acceptance and the Bill itself when due shall be returned protested for non payment that your Honour &c^a^. may recover the Amount with Interest and damages.

The Protector shall be detained here no longer than Necessity requires.

Our Honble Masters Ships S^t^. George for Madeira Coast & Bay; Essex, Triton, Onslow, Ilchester & True Briton for this Presidency & China are safely arriv'd by one of them We received the accompanying Packet from our Honble Masters with directions to forward it speedily, two other Packets which we judge are Duplicate & Triplicate shall also be sent you by subsequent Conveyances.

Enclosed is a List of Ships taken up for the present year for all parts of India.

The Stafford sailed from hence the 11th. Instant on her Voyage for Canton.

In our Letter of the 11th. Septem^r^. last we requested your Honour &c^a^. would favour us with an Account of the Cost of 71 Slaves, Viz^t^. 53 Men, 13 Women 4 Boys & a Child which were delivered at Madagascar by the Agents on the Swallow to those of the Dragon, for want of which we cannot bring them properly to Account, & shall therefore be obliged to you for an Invoice by the first Conveyance.

We are

FORT S^T^. GEORGE — HON^BLE^ SIR & SIRS

THE 14TH. JUNE 1754. — Your most obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS &C^A^. Co.

No. 95.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.

Chief &ca. Factors at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

The Stafford arrived here the 3d. Instant and we have landed the Military & Seapoys you sent us on her as well as those from Bombay your Settlement shall be duely credited for the Sundrys supplied your detachment. The Stafford sailed on her Voyage to China the 11th. Instant.

Our Hoñble Masters Ships St. George, Essex, Triton, Onslow, Ilchester & True Briton from Europe are arrived and will be dispatched in due time on their respective Voyages for their destination as well as all the other Ships taken up for all parts of India we refer to a List enclosed and are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
the 14th. June 1754.

Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 96.

To George Scott Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors
at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We have had the pleasure to receive your two Letters of the 21st. April and 8th. May, we were in hopes some Opportunity would have offered by which you might have sent us the Fifty Topasses agreable to what the President & Council of Bombay have wrote Us but as the season is so far advanced We look upon it as very doubtfull.

Our Hoñble Masters Ships St. George, Essex, Triton, Onslow, Ilchester & True Briton are arrived here from Europe and we are in hourly Expectation of the others destined to this Coast, a List of them as well as those for all other parts of India is enclosed.

We are

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
the 14th. June 1754.

Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 97.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

By the Paddy Boat Bombay Hojee you will receive this and Seven hundred and nine Bags of Rice being the reaminder of what was purchased on purpose to supply you amounting in the whole to three thousand and Nine hundred & Nine Bags sent you on four different Vessells by which you will receive the respective Invoices.

Since you were advised of the arrival of the St. George our Honble Masters Ships, Essex, Triton, Onslow, Ilchester and True Briton have also imported here but the Advices reced. by them make no Charge in publick Affairs.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 14th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 98.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins Chief
of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We wrote to you the 6th. Instant to acquaint you of our having altered our Intentions with respect to the detachment by the St. George, we shall now reply to your Letters of the 24th. 27th. & 30th. Ulto.

It is possible you may have been misinformed in regard to the Cloth called Chellimbrum, but that we may at a greater certainty send us up fresh Musters of real Chially Cloth of the several sorts made there with the lowest prices, by the time these are ready you may be informed from Fort St. David of the cost of the same sortments there which you will advise Us of at the same time that we may be able to determine one way or other without further delay, we cannot think your reasoning upon the Cost & Charges of an Investment with you just, you say that supposing the charges at St. David & your settlement upon cloth to be equal the difference in prime cost will hold on, we can by no means admit this, for it is very certain that the whole annual charge of servants &ca. at St. David will not be diminished one tittle by your making an Investment, nor will the Compys Investment upon the whole be encreased thereby as the cloth that may be provided by you would otherwise be delivered at Fort St. David, so that unless the difference in the price will more than answer all the Charges you may be at on Account of the Investment it will be rather a loss than a benefit to the Company nor will those Charges be so very trifling as you seem to think, a Virando in the first place is very improper to Lodge piece Goods in, the building Godowns or even fitting up this Virando properly can-

not be done for a trifle & the Annual Expence of Conicopolys Packers &ca. for we never yet found that Lascars were proper for this business) will sink deep in the difference between your and the St. David prices of Cloth.

Mr. Dawson is very positive that all the Original Papers were left regularly at Deve Cotah except some General Letters which he has delivered Us & shall be sent you by a proper Conveyance, what monthly papers be brought up hither he tells us were only Copys from those Originals we therefore insist on your setting about & compleating the accounts in the manner we before directed as soon as possible.

Captain Zieglers Company will be a sufficient protection to your Settlement for some time for we don't imagine the Major will immediately order it up to the Army but in case he should if there should be an absolute necessity and not otherwise you may detain so many of them as may be sufficient for your defence and for keeping the Communication open with the Army, but we hope you will not be under a necessity to detain any of them for we have ordered the Gentlemen at St. David to send you as far as One hundred of the Recruits expected from Europe in case any of the Ships should touch there, those with the seapoys we have permitted you to raise will answer your purpose, if you are streightned for want of Train men, we are so too, and cannot possibly spare any from hence, there are no more we believe at St. David than they have occasion for, you must therefore make the best Shift you can.

It is impossible to give you particular directions how to act in every Circumstance that may happen you therefore be left to your discretion and we hope you will use it, we can give you no other than this General Instruction, to be rather diffident of your strength than too bold as it is better to miss some little advantages that might be gained than to suffer a defeat.

Allowing what you say to be true that when you took charge of the Settlement of Deve Cotah it was in a state of decay, we ought to have been consulted before you entered on any Repairs, we have already given you directions on this head, and now enforce them, as the Repairs of the defences at the passes will not amount to more than 60 Pagodas let them be done out of hand, what may be wanted to your Buildings, Gun Carriages &ca. must be deferred as we have ordered Mr. Call to take the first Opportunity of surveying them and upon his report we shall give proper directions, we have no Train Carpenters or Coopers to share at present therefore you must be supplied from St. David.

The best that can be said of your employing the Dungaree to make Sand Bags for Merlons is that it was very injudicious and what was never heard of before, Gunneys would be much more durable and less expensive, your manner of bringing this Article to Account is also improper, the head of Gunners Stores would have been much better than Charges General, it is very disagreable to Us to be thus occasionally reprehending and pointing out Errors & Neglects which a proper attention and Attachment to the Company's Affairs & Interest would prevent, we hope your future care will give us no further Occasion of Complaint.

As Captain Innis's Illness will not permit him to take the field Capt. Pascal must proceed to Camp for we are well inform'd that he is in perfect health.

You did right in sending the Dragon Sloop to cruize for the missing Boats which we are glad to hear are all safe.

If the Companys Grain can be secured from the Weather by any means till Mr. Call can survey your Buildings & report we should chuse to have the repair of the Godowns deferred till then, but if not, let them be tiled, here again you have neglected to send Us an estimate of the Charge.

You may order the Dragon Sloop to cruize in the Offing for the Coast and Bay Ships (for all those for China are arrived here) and in case of meeting with

any to acquaint the Commander to land their Military & Arms with you in case the Sloop should miss them, the Gentlemen at St. David have the like directions if any of them should touch there.

We observe that the Account between the Pallem Cotah Phousdar & you is not yet settled nor the Expence discharged you will therefore do it immediately crediting him for what has been paid you and Ensign Frasier and debiting him for the Expences, in adjusting Mr. Fraziers Account you will take care nothing be overcharged & in this be governed by the Company's established Rules, if any thing appears unreasonable it must be deducted and Mr. Frazier directly repay it, when you have finished it demand the Ballance from the Phousdar.

We are informed that Mr. Conradt belonging to Capt. Zieglers Company has some knowledge of the Engineers business particularly the drawing of plans &ca. if so he may be very usefull to Mr. Brohier in carrying on the works and we would have him take the first Opportunity of coming hither.

Fort St. George
the 15th. June 1754.

Sir
We are
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

P.S.—In case any of the Europe Ships should touch at Deve Cotah after the Men & Arms are landed acquaint the Commanders they must call at Fort St. David to deliver some stores the Gentlemen there are in want of.

No. 99.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last address was by the Speedwell dated 30th. May since when the Honble Companys Ships Triton, Essex, Onslow, Ilchester, & True Briton are safely arrived here being all those intended for this Coast and China as the detention of the St. George here was in consequence of our Honble Masters directions that the True Britons bales might be transported to you on her, we hope very shortly to give Captain Robinson his dispatches.

The Honble President & Council of Bombay have remitted us fifty thousand and one hundred (50100) Arcot Rupees by Bills & consigned two hundred & fifty thousand (250000) Bombay Rupees by the Company's Ship Protector for your use which we shall forward to you by some of our Honble Masters Ships, they also advise us that they have directed the Gentlemen at Surat to remit Us a Lack of Rupees for the same purpose, as soon as it comes to our hands. We shall convey it to you by any good opportunity that may present, another Bill was also remitted Us from Bombay for twenty five thousand (25000) Arcot Rupees on the same Account, but acceptance has been refused and we apprehend we shall shortly be obliged to return it for want of payment.

One of the accompanying Letters we are desired by the Gentlemen at Bombay to forward, the other we are directed by our Hon'ble Masters to convey to you by the first good Opportunity, we have two others under your Address reced from England by the Ilchester and True Briton which we take to be Duplicate & Triplicate of what we now enclose, they will therefore come to you by seperate Conveyances.

We are

Fort St. George the 16th. June 1754.

Your most Obedient Servants

Honble Sir & Sirs

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 100.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have already advised you of our intention to send Capt. George Gardner to supply the place of the late Captain Crompton in your Garrison an indisposition has detained him till this time but being now pretty well recovered he takes his passage on the Charles Snow and you will receive this by him on his arrival therefore you will give him the proper Command, We purpose also sending you Lieutenant Nelson who is now out on duty but will be ordered in and as soon as we are able you shall be supplied with as many Military recruits as can be spared.

We are

Fort St. George the 17th. June 1754.

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 101.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We are very glad to observe by your Letter of the 27th. May that tho' the Morattas have laid the Country waste round about you, they have attempted nothing against you. Agreable to your desire we have sent you as ℔ Invoice

& Bill of Lading enclosed a supply of Military Stores & Ammunition which we should be sorry to hear you have occasion to use, for whilst the troubles in the Province continue, the Investment must suffer.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 17TH. JUNE 1754.

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 102.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

By order of the Governour & Council I now enclose you a Bill of Exchange upon Paupa Rauze Linga Chittys Gomastah for fifty thousand Rupees payable at fifteen days sight which please to receive and carry to the Credit of this Presidency.

I am

FORT ST. GEORGE
21ST. JUNE 1754.

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedt. H'ble Servant

JOS: DU PRÉ,
Secry.

No. 103.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

With our last (of which a Duplicate is enclosed) we forwarded a packet from our Honble Masters and we now take the Opportunity of sending you another by the Montford Captain Vincent whom the President and Council of Bombay ordered to touch here in his way to the Bay to land a detachment of Seapoys, and as he informs us it will make very little difference in his passage to you to call at Vizagapatam we have desired him to do so to land an Officer who is much wanted at that Garrison.

We expect in a few days to be able to dispatch the St. George to you. None of the Coast and Bay Ships are yet arrived.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 26TH. JUNE 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 104.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

By Captain George Gardner we wrote to you the 17th. Instant to advise of his coming to your assistance in the room of Capt. Crompton deceased & that we should shortly send you Lieutent. Nelson, he accordingly takes his passage on the Montford Capt. Vincent who is bound to the Bay and will touch at your port on purpose to set him ashore.

We shall in a few days dispatch the St. George to you with a supply of money for your Investment when we shall write you on that subject.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 26th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 105.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We remitted you the 21st. Instant in a Letter from the Secretary a Bill of Exchange for 50000 Rupees & intended to have sent you as much more but Bills are not procurable, we shall therefore in a few days dispatch the Protector to you with an ample supply of Treasure and Stores.

Since our last General Letter to you we have reced. yours of the 11th. 16th. and 18th. Instant.

The Invoice of Madeira Wine and lead you landed from the St. George is enclosed.

Let the Trevendeporum Renters swear first to their Losses for 1753, when the Current year 1754 is expired it will be time enough to consider whether any and what Allowances should be made them.

We cannot help remarking that the Tents you sent Us by the St. George are invoiced at a most extravagant rate, very near double what they are made for here, an Article so very stricking as this ought not to pass without enquiry therefore inform yourselves of the reason of the extraordinary price, & acquaint Us how long the Tents have been in Store and by whom they were furnished.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 27th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 106.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

To your two Letters of the 8th. & 11th. Instant we have only to answer that the repairs of which you sent us estimates in the former may be postponed for a little while as we expect Mr. Call will shortly report to Us the state of your Buildings when we shall be better able to judge of what is necessary to be done.

As you wrote Us sometime ago that you could not proceed in settling the Deve Cotah books for want of some papers which were in Mr. Dawsonnes possession & Mr. Dawson being called upon declared all original Papers were left there, as we are determined to admit of no further delays in this business we have order'd Mr. Dawson to proceed immediately to Deve Cotah & remain there as your assistant in this branch untill the books are settled, on his arrival we therefore direct that they be set about & compleated without delay upon pain of suspension of you both from the Honble Company's Service.

The Party intended to join Mahauphooz Cawn is at Marmalong & in a day or two will proceed on their march. Capt. Roderick Forbes commands the Bombay detachment & Capt. Chas. Campbell the men on this establishment they are directed frequently to advise you of their rout & other material Occurrences & you will from time to time give them what Intelligence you can get of the motions of the Enemy & whatever else may occur to you that may concern them to know.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 27th. June 1754.

No. 107.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

Agreable to our promise in our Letter of the 27 we now dispatch the Honble Companys Ship Protector Capt. James to you with three Lacks of Rupees & such part of the Stores you have Indented for as we can supply, if you should not have immediate occasion for the Arms forward such as can be spared to Deve Cotah where they are wanted.

We have sent a large detachment from hence under the Command of Captains Roderick Forbes & Chas. Campbell to Mahauphooz Cawn at Conjeveram who promises on their Junction to march directly to Deve Cotah, to remove all pretence for delays we have advanced him half a Lack of Rupees already & engaged that on his arrival at Deve Cotah half a Lack more shall be paid to his Agents at Fort St. David which you will then comply with but not before.

The Treasure now sent you will be sufficient to answer all your present demands & enable you to pursue your Investmt. with vigour in which if you are successfull we shall give you all the assistance in our power by remitting you from time to time such further sums as you can comply that way. We must depend greatly on you for the Sepr. dispatch for our hopes of assistance from the Northern Settlements are but small.

Let the Protectors detention with you be as short as possible as we intend to dispatch Capt. James to Bombay directly on his return hither he is directed on his arrival at Fort St. David to follow your Orders.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE GENTLEMEN

THE 20TH. JUNE 1754. Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 108.

TO CAPTAIN WILLIAM JAMES OF THE
HONBLE COMPANYS SHIPS PROTECTOR.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort St. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Govr. & Council there & follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings. DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE the 30th. June 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 109.

TO THE HONBLE ROGER DRAKE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVR. &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The transfer of the Bales from the True Briton to the St. George being compleated, we now dispatch the latter to you with orders to the Commander to touch at Vizagapatam to deliver sundry articles for the Northern Settlements.

We acquainted your Honour &ca. Council in our Letter of the 16 Instant that the President & Council of Bombay had remitted Us by Bill for your use Fifty thousand one hundred (50100) Arcot Rupees & also another Bill for twenty five thousand (25000) A.Rs. which we apprehended would not be paid as acceptance had been refused, it has however been since discharged & these two sums making seventy five thousand one hundred (75100) A.Rs. are now forwarded to your Honour &ca. on the St. George as well as twenty five Chests of Madrass Rs. amounting to two Lack part of the Treasure reced. this Season from Europe, the indispensible necessity we are under of immediately disbursing all the Arcot Rupees that are ready is the reason we send you so large a sum at once in Madras Rupees, but upon the whole consignments of this season we

shall as near as possible observe the proportions your Honour &ca. advised Us in your Letter of the 1st. Novr. 1751 which has not since been contradicted Vizt. one half Madras Rupees, One Quarter Arcot Rupees & One Quarter Bullion.

We have already advised your Honour &ca. Council that in consequence of our Honble Masters permission we have landed from the St. George thirty Pipes of the Madeira Wine consigned to you part of the Lead from England by this Ship was intended for your Presidency & Part for us, Capt. Robinson has by mistake delivered here what was marked for you, we have received our full quantity in weight tho the Tale is not agreable to Invoice which we apprize you of because you will of course find the same difference.

An Indent for what packing Stuff & Salt Petre we shall want is in the Packet, with which we request your Complyance.

A List is also enclosed of several Military who have served here but not under contract & are now sent to you on the St. George as they are French men & not to be trusted here in these times, a Serjeant of your detachment also returns by the same Conveyance.

A Packet from our Honble Masters accompanys this to which we have only to add that.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. humble Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 30th. June 1754.

P.S.—300 Bales were brought from England ₱ True Briton, but eight of them being damaged only 292 are now forwarded ₱ St. George, & since writing the above five Chests more of Madras Rupees being brought in from the Mint are also sent on the St. George the whole quantity of Madras Rupees being thirty Chests containing two hundred and forty thousand.

List of the Packet to Bengal ₱r. St. George.

No. 1 General Letter dated the 30th. June 1754.
2 Duplicate Genl. Letter dated 26 June 1754.
3 Invoice of Sundries laden on the St. George for Bengal.
4 Bill of Lading for Do
5 Account of Merchandize imported at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers of the St. George.
6 A Packet reced. from the Honble Court of Directors to be forwarded to the Honble the Presidt. & Council at Fort William.

These reced. from England to be forwarded. [items 7–10]

7 Copy of the St. George's Charterparty.
8 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the St. George for Coast and Bay.
9 Copy of the St. George's Victualling Bill.
10 Commission to Captain Robinson to seize unlicensed persons.
11 Patterns of 292 Bales of Broad Cloth reced. from England ₱ True Briton & forwarded to Bengal ₱ St. George—These are delivered to the Captain apart.
12 Indent of Packing Stuff, Salt Petre, Baftaes &ca. wanted at Fort St. George 1754.
13 List of your Military sent on the St. George.

Fort St. George, the 30th. June 1754.

Jos: Du Pré,
Secry.

No. 110.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &c^a. Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

The Montfort Capt. Vincent sailed from hence two days ago bound for the Bay with directions to touch at your Port to land Lieut. Nelson as you are advised in a general Letter by that Conveyance after closing which we found it necessary to send you four Serjeants also who were accordingly embarked and will doubtless be delivered to you, we shall defer sending you any reinforcement till after the arrival of the Coast & Bay Ships when we shall be better able to determine whether any and what number can be spared.

This will be delivered you by Capt. Robinson of the S^t. George on which Ship we have consigned to you Sundry Stores as ℔^r. Invoice & Bill of Lading & a Chest containing fifteen thousand M. Pagodas of which 5000 are for your use, 5000 for Ingeram & the remaining 5000 for Madapollam which two last sums are notwithstanding to remain with you untill the Gent at those Settlements shall demand them the accompanying Letters advising them of this supply are to be forwarded directly, we shall send you and them by the other ships bound to the Bay such further sums as may be wanting for your respective Investments and other Charges.

In this packet is an extract of the List of Investment reced this year from England to which you must pay great regard in every respect & be very strict in the Lengths & breadths, of which there is reason to complain as you will observe by a Copy of the true Acc^t. of Measures sent Us from Europe.

The directions for sending a Bale of Muslins and other Goods manufactured about you must be complied with.

The Observations of the Hambro Merchants require your attention for such defects as they complain of if not prevented must bring the manufacture into disrepute.

Your have herewith a List of Goods to be provided by you the present Season, the Ravages of the Morattoes & the distracted state of the province must we are very sensible be a great Impediment to your Investment, but the more arduous the task may be, the greater will be your merit in Strugling thro' it, we don't doubt but that you will use your best endeavours to make as large & good an Investment as the times will permit and we are in hopes that with the assistance of the Northern Settlements we shall be enabled to load a Ship for Europe in September, therefore dispatch your Bales to Us as early as possible.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort S^t. George
the 30th. June 1754.

P.S.—The Madeira Wine now sent you is to be issued to the Companys Servants at the rate of 52 Pagodas ℔ Pipe provided they take no more than they really want for their own use.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT VIZAGAPATAM FOR THE YEAR 1754.

LONG CLOTH Ordinary SALLEMPORES Ordinary	as much as can be procured.
LONG CLOTH Fine SALLEMPORES Fine	Not to exceed in value one fourth part of your Investment.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 111.

To FOSS WESTCOTT ESQR.
RESIDENT AT INGERAM.

SIR

In our last we advised you of the arrival of the St. George, since when all the Ships from Europe bound to this Port & China have imported here but bring us no other Instructions than what you have already been acquainted with.

We have received your two Letters of the 6th. & 24 May & can only express our concern for the Calamitys brought on the Northern provinces by the Morattoes whose continuance there we hope will not be long.

By our Honble Masters Ship St. George Capt. Robinson we have consigned to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam 5000 M. Pagodas for your use where it is better they should remain untill you have a real occasion to employ them as they are there in Security but not so with you on Account of the Morattoes, this Sum we are afraid is as much as you can employ immediately, but that the want of money may be no hindrance to your Investment we shall in due time send you as ample supplys as you may have occasion for.

By the enclosed Remarks on the List of Investment you will perceive how necessary it is you should bend your whole attention to rectifie the causes of Complaint & we hope you will do so. the quality, Lengths, & breaths ought equally to claim your care for a defect in either depreciates the Cloth greatly at home, by a Copy now sent you of an Account of Measures of your Cloth which we have this Season reced. from England you will be convinced that our Honble Masters special injunction in that respect is not without just cause which we hope to see removed.

You must observe the directions in the List of Investmt. for sending a Bale of Muslins and other kind of Goods manufactured near you.

The Complaint of the Hambro' Merchants ought not to be neglected, the defects pointed out, are such as may be prevented by care.

A List of Goods to be provided by you this Season comes in the Packet, in which we hope you will be successfull for we shall stand in great need of your assistance towards the dispatch of the September Ship, we are sensible of the difficultys you have to strugle thro', but perseverance & resolution may do much they never were more necessary than at this time when the whole Trade of the Coast which once was very beneficial to our Honble Masters is drooping in every

place & in every branch; such a disagreable prospect should awaken all our attention & every one of Us in our respective Stations should be doubly diligent in grasping at every occasion that may offer to promote the publick advantage.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 30th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

List of Goods to be provided at Ingeram for the year 1754.

Long Cloth Ordinary, Sallempores Fine } As much as can be procured.

Long Cloth Fine, Sallempores Ordinary } not to exceed in value one fourth part of your Investment.

Izzarees fine No. 1 and 2 most of No. 1 two hundred & fifty . . .	250
These are much wanted and must be provided if possible or in default the reasons must be assign'd.	
Do. Superfine Two hundred & fifty	250

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 112.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

Your Letter of the 4th. Instant & Monthly Accounts are received & herewith you have a Duplicate of our last.

We have consigned to the Chief & Council at Vizagapatam 5000 Madrass Pagodas for your use with directions to keep this sum there untill you demand it which you will not do untill you have a real occasion to employ it as the troubles in the province render it unsafe for you to have any considerable Sum by you; we shall by the other Ships bound to the Bay send you as much more as you can Invest.

You will observe by the enclosed remarks on your Investment we are forbid to send any more Madapollam Goods unless the price can be reduced & the Fabrick mended, we must acknowledge that the Circumstances of the times leave no room to imagine this can be effected at present, and yet as the consequence of declining the Investment at Madapollam must be that the Trade will fall into the hands of the French which is the very point they have aimed at we are loath to give them such an advantage to the Companys prejudice and

you must therefore do the best you can at present to keep up the manufacture in hopes that if a change in Affairs should happen your Investment may be made more beneficial to our Honble Masters be particularly attentive to the lengths & breadths of your Cloths for that is not less material than the quality.

Observe well the remarks made by the Hambro Merchts. and endeavours to prevent the like Cause of Complaint.

You will receive with this a List of Goods to be provided by you this Season in respect to which, what we have said above is sufficient to show you our Sentiments & expectations with regard to the part you are to act, it will be a very sensible pleasure to Us to find your Investment restored to a more flourishing state, the merits of which will certainly entitle you to the Notice of our Honble Masters, a sufficient inducement for you to exert yourself, we propose dispatching a Ship to England in September but without a large assistance from the Northern Settlements it will not be in our power, Advise Us therefore from time to time of what progress you make and send us up your Bales as early as possible.

We are

SIR

Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 30TH. JUNE 1754.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT MADAPOLLAM FOR THE YEAR 1754.

LONG CLOTH Ordinary
SALLEMPORES Ordinary } as much as can be procured.

LONG CLOTH Fine
SALLEMPORES Fine } not to exceed in value one fourth part of your Investment.

IZZAREES fine No. 1 & 2 most of No. 1 two hundred & Fifty. 250
These are much wanted & must be procured if possible or in default the reasons must be assigned.
Do. Superfine Two hundred & Fifty 250

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 113.

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT ROBINSON
OF SHIP ST. GEORGE.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship & make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet for the Chief & Council there as directed & follow their orders for landing the Stores Treasure &ca. consigned to them, which being done you

are then to proceed to Bengal & deliver the accompanying packet to the Honble President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 30th. June 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 114.

To Mess. John Misenor
John Burrow
Alexr. Hume
&
John Mapletoft.
} Supra Cargoes of the Ship Triton.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters having for some years past annually directed us to lade for their Account on their Ships bound to this Port & China such Merchandize procurable here as we might Judge proper for the Canton market we have accordingly provided as much Redwood fit for that purpose as we think will answer to be sent by all the Ships now bound thither which we propose to divide amongst them as equally as possible the proportion laden on the Triton is 184. 7. 1 (Can Md. lb.) Candy or 823 the amount whereof being Pags. 559–23–40 we do acknowledge to have received of you agreable to our Honble Masters orders.

The Several Articles consigned to this Presidency by the Triton being landed we have delivered Capt. Slater his Sailing Orders directg. him with all diligence to proceed to the River of Canton & on his arrival there to follow all such orders as he shall receive from you.

With this you will receive
Invoice of the Redwood consigned to you
Bill of Loading for the same
Copy of the Tritons Victualling Bill
Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England by the Commander & Officers
Account of such of the said Goods & Merchandize as have been landed here.

We wish you success in the transactions of our Honble Masters Affairs and are

Gentlemen

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 7th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 115.

To Captain Gilbert Slater
of Ship Triton.

Sir

The Consignments to this Presidency by the Essex being landed & such Merchandize as we propose to lade on the said ship for Canton being shipped you will repair on board & make the best of your way to the River of Canton and there follow all such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. John Misenor, John Barrow, Alexander Hume and John Mapletoft the Supra Cargoes of your Ship for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 7th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 116.

To Messrs. Thomas Liell
Mordecai Walker
&
Mann Horner.
} Supra Cargoes of Ship Ilchester.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters having for some years past annually directed Us to lade for their Ships bound to this Port & China such Merchandize procurable here as we might judge proper for the Canton market we have accordingly laden on the Ship Essex and consigned to you thirty five Candy Nine Maunds & five pound of Redwood amounting to one hundred & Seven Pagodas twenty one fanams & thirty five Cash (107–21–35) which we have received of Capt. George Jackson out of the Treasure consigned to you by the Essex pursuant to our Hon'ble Masters directions for Capt. Jacksons Justification we have given him a written order which he will produce if required. We had provided & intended to have consigned you a larger quantity of Redwood but being distressed for Boats many of them having been lost or rendered unserviceable in the hurry of unloading the China Ships, & the Commanders of those ships representing that it grows late in the Season & that only a few days detention may make a great difference in their passages, we rather chuse to dispatch them immediately with what they have on board than by detaining them longer put their early arrival in Canton to any risque & we have accordingly this day delivered Capt. Jackson his sailing Orders directing him to make the best of his way to the River of Canton and on his arrival there follow your orders for his further proceedings.

In this Packet are the following Papers.

Copy of the Essex's Charterparty.

Copy of Capt. Jacksons Instructions.

Copy of the Companys Commission to Do. to Seize unlicensed Persons.

Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Essex in England by the Commander & Officers for Fort St. George and China.

Copy of the Essex's Victualling Bill.

Manifest of private Silver licensed to be Shipped in England on board the Essex for China.

Account[a] of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort St. George from the Essex by the Commander & Officers.

Invoice of Redwood laden on the Essex.

Bill of Loading for Do.

We wish success to our Hon'ble Masters Affairs under your management and are

GENTLEMEN

Your most Obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 10TH. JULY 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 117.

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE JACKSON
OF SHIP ESSEX.

SIR

The Consignments to this Presidency by the Triton being landed, & such Merchandize as we propose to lade on the said Ship for Canton being Shipped you will repair on board & make the best of your way to the River of Canton & there follow such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. Thomas Liell, Mordecai Walker, & Mann Horner Supra Cargoes of your Ship for your further proceedings. DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE THE 10TH. JULY 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 118.

TO MESSRS. THOMAS LIELL
MORDECAI WALKER
&
MANN HORNER.
} Supra Cargoes of the Ship Essex.

GENTLEMEN

Our Honble Masters having for some years past annually directed us to lade for their Account on their Ships bound to this port & China such Merchandize procurable here as we might judge proper for the Canton market we have accordingly laden on the Ship Ilchester & Consigned to you fifty two Candys Seventeen Maunds & One pound of Redwood (C. M. lb. 52. 17. 1) amounting to one hundred and sixty pagodas ten fanams & forty Cash (160–10–40) which we have received of Captain John Tedd out of the Treasure consigned to you by the Ilchester pursuant to our Honble Masters directions. We have given Capt. Tedd for his Justification a written order which he will produce if required. We had provided & intended to have consigned you a larger quantity of Redwood, but

being distressed for Boats, many of them having been lost or rendered unserviceable in the hurry of unloading the China Ships, & the Commanders of those ships representing to Us that it grows late in the Season & that only a few days detention may make a great difference in their passage, we rather chuse to dispatch them immediately with what they have on board than by detaining them longer put their early arrival in Canton to any risque & we have accordingly this day delivered Capt. Tedd his sailing Orders directing him to make the best of his way to the River of Canton and on his arrival there to follow your Orders for his further proceedings.

Herewith you will receive the following Papers Viz[t].

Copy of the Ilchesters Charterparty.
Copy of Capt. Tedds Instructions.
Copy of the Companys Commission to D[o]. to seize unlicensed persons.
Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England on board the Ilchester by the Comm[r]. & Officers.
Copy of the Ilchesters Victualling Bill.
Manifest of private Silver licensed to be shipped on board the Ilchester for China.
Account of Merchandize landed at Fort S[t]. George from the Ilchester by the Commander and Officers.
Invoice of Redwood laden on the Ilchester Bill of Loading for D[o].

Fort S[T]. George
the 10TH. July 1754.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &c[A].

N[o]. 119.

To Captain John Tedd
of Ship Ilchester.

Sir

The Consignments to this Presidency by the Ilchester being landed & such Merchandize we propose to lade on the said Ship for Canton being shipped you will repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton & there follow all such orders as you shall receive from Mess[rs]. Thomas Liell, Mordecai Walker and Mann Horner Supra Cargoes of your Ship for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort S[T]. George the 10TH. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex[R]. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha[S]. Bourchier.

No. 120.

To Messrs. John Misenor, Saml. Harrison & John Burrow. | Supra Cargoes of the Ship True Briton.

Gentlemen

Our Hon'ble Masters having for some years past annually directed us to lade for their Account on their Ships bound to this Port & China such Merchandize procurable here as we might judge proper for the Canton market we have accordingly laden on the Ship True Briton fourteen Candy Nineteen Maunds & fifteen pounds (14–19–15) of Redwood amounting to forty five Pagodas sixteen fanams & forty seven Cash (45–16–47) which we have rec'd of Capt. Henry Broadley out of the Treasure consigned to you by the True Briton pursuant to our Honble Masters directions, and for Capt. Broadley's Justification we have given him a written Order which he will produce if required. We had provided & intended to have consigned you a larger quantity of Redwood but being distressed for Boats many of them having been lost or rendered unserviceable in the hurry of unloading the China Ships, & the Commanders of those ships representing to Us that it grows late in the Season & that only a few days detention may make a great difference in their passage, we rather chuse to dispatch them immediately with what they have on board than by detaining them longer put their early arrival in Canton to any risque, and we have accordingly this day delivered Capt. Broadley his sailing Orders directing him to make the best of his way to the River of Canton and on his Arrival there follow your Orders for his further proceedings.

We forward you the several Papers undermentioned Vizt.

Copy of the True Britons Charterparty.
Copy of Capt. Broadleys Instructions.
Copy of his Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England on board the True Briton for Fort St. George & China by the Commander & Officers.
Copy of the True Britons Victualling Bill.
Manifest of private Silver licensed to be shipped on board the True Briton for China.
Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers from the True Briton.
Invoice of Redwood laden on the True Briton.
Bill of Loading for Do.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 10th. July 1754.

No. 121.

To Captain Henry Broadley
of Ship True Briton.

Sir

The Consignments to this Presedency by the True Briton being landed & such Merchandize as We propose to lade on the said Ship for Canton being Shipped you will repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton and there follow all such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. John Misenor, Saml. Harrison, and John Burrow, Supra Cargoes of your Ship for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 10th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 122.

To Messrs. Thomas Thomson
Saml. Blount
Thos. Sandys
Wm. Fead
&
Benjn. Torin.
Supra Cargoes of Ship Onslow.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters having for some years past annually directed Us to lade for their Account on their Ships bound to this Port and China such Merchandize procurable here as We might judge proper for the Canton market, we have accordingly laden & consigned to you on the Ship Onslow One hundred & Eighteen Candys Nine maunds and twelve pounds (118–9–12) of Redwood amounting to three hundred and fifty nine Pagodas twenty seven fanams & thirty five Cash (359–27–35) as ℔ Invoice which sum we do hereby acknowledge to have received of you agreable to our Honble Masters directions. We had provided and intended to have consigned you a larger quantity of Redwood but being distressed for Boats many of them having been lost or rendered unserviceable in the hurry of unloading the China Ships, And the Commanders of those Ships representing to Us that it grows late in the Season & that only a few days detention may make a great difference in their passages, We rather chuse to dispatch them immediately with what they have on board than by detaining them longer put their early arrival in Canton to any risque and we have accordingly this day deliver'd Capt. Hinde his sailing Orders directing him to make the best of his way to the River of Canton & on his Arrival there follow your Orders for his further proceedings.

With this we enclose you

Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipp'd in England on board the Onslow by the Commander & Officers.
Copy of the Onslow victualling Bill.
Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers of the Onslow.
Invoice of Redwood laden on the Onslow.
Bill of Loading for Do.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 11th. July 1754.

No. 123.

To Captain Thomas Hinde
of Ship Onslow.

Sir

The Consignments to this Presedency by the Onslow being landed, & such Merchandize as we propose to lade on the said Ship for Canton being shipp'd you will repair on board and make the best of your way to the River of Canton and there follow all such orders as you shall receive from Messrs. Thomas Thomson, Saml. Blount, Thomas Sandys, William Fead, & Benjamin Torin Supra Cargoes of your ship for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 11th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 124.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

By the St. George we enclose you our Honble Masters remarks on the Investment with a List of Goods to be provided for the Currt. year. We must add thereto that as your Long Cloth which comes from Bony was till of late year a good Manufacture you will endeavour by a strict Sorting to bring it to its old Fabrick & insist upon full lengths and breadths, the Sallampores also from Uppara have always been esteem'd the best and equally require your attention, & you must be particular in your inspection of the Cloth received from the washers, that such as be torn darned or patched be turned out, after such repeated Complaints from our Honble Masters which we have constantly advised you of; we must insist on a due regard being paid to our orders & that you remedy these defects.

We are

Fort St. George
the 13th. July 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 125.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Though we have by the St. George the 30 Ulto. sent you a List of Goods to be provided & our Honble Masters remarks on your Investment yet we shall now more particularly write you thereon. They are pleased strongly to complain of your Investment which we had great reason to expect as we had here upon resorting observed it to be very Indifferent & then wrote you to be more strict in your sorting and measuring for we are sorry to see that it is only the thinness of the Cloth but also its being considerably shorter and narrower, after the Merchants have been suffered so long to use this fraudulent practice there may be some difficulty to bring them to the fixed Standard, but as it is of so much consequence to the Sales at home that we absolutely insist on it, as well as that it be of a better sortment. The Izzarees Superfine is also much worse of late years this requires your attention also, Of Izzarees fine none has been provided, as the price is in proportion to the superfine we expect you do not fail in sending the full quantity and as much Long Cloth middling as you can, by the Account of Cloth on hand in your Letter of the 6th Ulto. you have greatly exceeded the limitted proportion of fine Goods which we can by no means allow of heavy are the Complaints in regard to Cloth torn darned, & patched inspect narrowly into your Cloth received from the washers, and if any be found thus damaged make them pay for it. We expect a very strict observance of what we now write you, that we may not have the uneasiness annually to receive from our Honble Masters Remarks on the Investment full of Censure.

We are
Sir

Fort St. George
the 13th. July 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 126.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

Under date the 30 Ulto. we sent you our Honble Masters remarks on the Madapollam Investment with a List of what is to be provided this year, we shall now be more particular. Their Orders are that if the Goods manufactured in your district cannot be provided better in quality and cheaper to send none, as we know that the Izzarees Superfine & fine & the Long Cloth fine are more particularly the Fabrick of the Bandarmalanka Country, & that the Long Cloth Ordinary made near you is of a harder twisted thread & Superiour to what comes from Munda Petta, sensible that the Schemes of the French & the troublesome Situation of the Country have been great impediments we are willing to try whether these Goods cannot be brought to their former goodness & therefore we would have you rather endeavour to improve the manufacture near you than push at the Munda Petta Goods. We should certainly be pleased

with a large and goods Investment yet at pres^t. it must be your more particular care and attention to bring the Goods to their former Standard though the quantity may be much less. The Izzarees Superfine have of late years been much inferiour to the Muster, We shall be glad you would remove the disagreable Task of always finding fault, there has been a backwardness in the Merchants to bring the Izzarrees fine, but why, the prices are proportionable therefore we expect you will not fail sending Us the full quantity mention'd in the List of Investment & not exceed the Limitation prescribed that ¼ part of the Amount of your Investment be in fine Goods.

We know the difficulty in prevailing on the Weavers to bring their Cloths to the proper lengths & breadths after they have been so long suffered to deviate from them but as it is of the utmost consequence to the Sales at home therefore we must insist on your applying yourself to the remedying this defect, you will inspect more narrowly into the Cloth air'd 'tis said to be full of darns & holes if you find by carelessness 'tis thus damaged turn it on their hands we can upon no Account admit of its being mixed with the other Cloth. We have now pointed out the several defects, & as you must be very sensible of the very mild manner in which our Hon'ble Masters remark them, you will put a just sense on it and not give them any reason to complain in future.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort S^t. George
the 15th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

N°. 127.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &^ca. Council at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We had the pleasure to address you by Pattamr the 14th Ult^o. and on the 18th. arrived our Hon'ble Masters Ship Montfort Capt. Vincent with your favour of the 24th. May & the Company of Seapoys you therein advise us of, which were all landed, and Capt. Vincent after having Supplied himself with refreshments sailed from hence for the Bay the 27th.

The reinforcement you have sent to our assistance is the more acceptable as the number of recruits we have rec'd by the China Ships from Europe falls very short of what we might reasonably have expected & indeed of what was intended, owing, as our Hon'ble Masters acquaint Us to a disappointment. The greatest part of your detachment under the command of Capt. Forbes, with what further Strength we could muster are on their march to join the Army under the Command of Major Lawrence near Tanjour where we hope shortly to hear of their arrival.

We should have returned the Protector to you much sooner, but a very pressing demand for Treasure & material Stores at Fort S^t. David induced Us to order her on that service as we had at that time no other proper Conveyance, Capt. James gives us hopes he may yet arrive in very good time to be employed on his proper Station.

We enclose your Honour &c^a^. an Extract of two Paragraphs from our Honble Masters Commands, & in regard to that relating to broad Cloth, we must observe that we see not the least probability of being able to dispose of near the quantity consigned Us; for full half of what we received last year lies still in our Warehouse unsold altho several times offered at Outcry agreable to the Company's Directions, the market at Bengal promises no better than ours, the Gentlemen there having found their last years importation lye on hand applied to Us to disburthen them of half the quantity that might be intended for them this Season which for the reasons abovementioned we could not comply with, but should be glad if any part of what we have on hand could be disposed of on your side on which we shall wait your Advices.

As we enclose you what our Honble Masters say in relation to Coja Shaumieer Sultans request, we have only to beg your Honour &c^a^. will favour Us with all the Information you can on the subject that we may be enabled to state that case clearly to our Superiours.

The Bill for 25000 Ar^s^. drawn on Gocauldoss Pursotum which we advised your Honour &c^a^. in our last, he refused to accept, has since been paid, and the amount thereof with what you remitted Us by the Stafford making together seventy five thousand One hundred (75100) Ar^s^. has already been forwarded to the Bay, as will also the Treasure you consigned us by the Protector for the same purpose, our reason for detaining it here thus long is, that an Opportunity offered of making a Gain of half ₽ Cent to the Company by selling those Rupees here for two ₽ Cent advance (being the premium or Exchange they bear at the Bay more than Arcot Rupees) on Condition that the purchaser should recoin them in the Companys Mint here at his own Expence on which a Custom of half ₽ Cent is rec'd, this has been done and we shall forward to the Gentlemen at Bengal 255000 Arcot Rupees on that Account.

All the Ships from Europe bound to this Port and China arrived and have & been dispatched in due time to their Consigned Port, the Denham & York for Coast & Bay arrived here the beginning of this month & will shortly proceed on their Voyages.

The Gentlemen at Anjengo have sent Us a Packet to be forwarded to your Honour &c^a^. & it accordingly comes by this Conveyance as well as one rec'd from Europe, another which we judge to be a Duplicate of it remains here and shall be sent by the next opportunity.

Captain James's Sailing Orders are to proceed directly to Bombay.

An Account of Stores Provisions &c^a^. necessary supplied the Protector is in the Packet for the Amount whereof we shall debt your Presidency.

We are

Fort St. George — Honble Sir & Sirs

the 19th. July 1754. — Your most humble Servants

Thomas Saunders &c^a^. Council.

No. 128.

To Captain William James
of the Honble Companys Ship
Protector.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship & may [*sic*] the best of your way directly to Bombay where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Honble the President & Council there & follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George the 19th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 129.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have rec'd your Letters of the 23d. Ulto. 1st. & 4th. Instant.

The Custom of making Stoppages from the Invalids has taken its rise at your place only, 'tis a vile one and contrary to regulations send us an account of what stoppages have been made let them be paid back to the people publickly & take care there be no such scandalous practices in future.

Restore also to the Braminys their Charity Grounds we repeat to you that admitting their might have been some Roguery this is not a time for entering into disputes with the King of Tanjour who writes the President that 'tis their due & observe it as a standing Rate that no person whatsoever be confined but you immediately in a General Letter to Us advise us of it as well as the occasion of it when you shall from Us receive Orders how to act.

As we observe by the Camp returns upwards of 2000 Seapoys the 900 that went with Capt. Forbes's detachment will be sufficient therefore raise no more on that Account.

When we receive by our Musters of Chially Long Cloth we shall be proper Judges whether an Investment can be made to the Company's advantage or not.

We have long observed the perplexity in the Deve Cotah Accounts and peremptorily insist on their being brought up and kept regularly.

The Dungaree & Dungaree Bags should be put under the head of Gunners Stores surely 'tis time enough to write them off when expended we hope we shall have no further Occasion to take notice of such flagrant Mistakes.

We approve of the detention of Ensign Scottney, Receive [*sic*] of the Polligar of Palam Cotah his Ballance which his Vackeel informs us he is very ready to pay & forward to Major Lawrence Ensign Fraziers Account to whom we have wrote concerning it.

When we receive Mr. Calls report of the Buildings and Fortifications you shall have our directions concerning them.

You in general terms represent the remissness of the Polligar but give no particular instance of it oblige him to do his duty, and if he has any Accounts with others in your district he must settle them justly, but be carefull no partiality be shewn.

We are

Fort St. George
the 19th. July 1754.

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 130.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

The President & Council having laden & Consigned to you a Lack of Rupees with sundry stores, on the Ketch St. John Baptist Capt. John Murphy who sailed from hence this morning, I am ordered to transmit you the Invoice & Bills of Lading for the same which I accordingly enclose and am

Gentlemen

Fort St. George
the 20th. July 1754.

Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Joss. Du Pré·
Secry.

No. 131.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatched the St. George Capt. Robinson to you the 30th. Ultimo with Sundry Consignments for which We refer to the Duplicate Papers in this Packet and Shortly after arrived our Honble Masters Ships Denham & York, the latter being now in readiness to proceed We dispatch her to you with a good supply of Treasure.

We acquainted your Honour &ca. in a former Letter that the Gentlemen at Bombay had consigned Us for your Acct. two hundred & fifty thousand Bombay Rupees which coin we are informed passes with you only for two ₱ Cent more than Arcot Rupees tho' in reality the intrinsick value is something more which induced one of our Shroffs to make us an offer of purchasing them at two ₱ Cent advance and to recoin them here at his own expence into Arcot Rupees in the Companys Mint on which a Duty of half ₱ Cent being received is so much clear gain to our Hon'ble Masters, this induced us to accept the proposal and accordingly in lieu of 250000 Bombay you will receive 25500 Arcot Rupees being the full sum they would have produced with you, these are contained in 31 Chests

and are distinguished in the Invoice from Twenty others of Arcot Rupees, which are also consign'd to you on this ship with Ten Chests of Bullion & ten of Madras Rupees on account of the Treasure we have received from Europe.

Your Honour &c^a^. are very sensible that the distract'd state of this Province and the Ambitious schemes of the French render it absolutely necessary for the protection and defence of the Companys Rights & possessions that our Military force should be sufficient to resist the attempts of the Enemy this for several years past has obliged Us to detain here the recruits intended for your Presidency which doubtless must have weakened your Garrison too much, that we might not be drove to the same necessity this year. We wrote to the Gentlemen of Bombay for a reinforcement & they have done their utmost to support Us, with which assistance, had we received the Recruits from England that were reasonably expected we might have faced the Enemy, but by some disappointment; as our Hon'ble Masters inform Us, they have sent Us by the China Ships & S^t^. George but two hundred and twenty Men or therabouts, which in all probability is so disproportionable to the force the Enemy will receive that it has determined Us to land the recruits consigned to you they are incorporated in your detachment, and a List of those taken out of the York and Denham is in the packet, our demand for Arms of all Sorts has also obliged to land from each of those ships three Chests of Swords which are endorsed of the Bills of Lading.

We acquainted your Honour &c^a^. in our Letter of the 16 April of our Intentions to dispatch the Colchester to England in Sepr. and to detain one of the Coast & Bay Ships here till her arrival from Batavia that We might not be disappointed in case of any accident happening to her in which we have our Honble Masters Sanction as you will observe by the enclosed Extract from their Commands, we shall therefore detain the Denham till the Norfolk arrives & then immediately dis [*sic*] the former to you and keep the latter till the Colchester comes in, the Anson being a small ship which may be proper for your early dispatch we shall send her away to you directly after her arrival here of which we are in hourly expectation.

In our said Letter of the 16 April We acquainted your Hon^r^. &c^a^. with our reasons for leaving to you to relieve the Egmont at the Negrais; the protection of a Europe ship will We conceive be absolutely necessary there till our Honble Masters Affairs are settled on much firmer footing than they are at present, whatever ship your Honour &c^a^. may order on this service We request you will send a good supply of provision and refreshments which will be very acceptable.

We imagine you will receive the same Commands as are given Us in regard to the Salt Petre to be laden home, however as it can be of no diservice we send you an Extract of two paragraphs of the Companys General Letter received this Season relating thereto.

"The Companys Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra having fallen into great disorder We were ordered last year to send Supra Vizors to regulate them, we accordingly did so and have lately rec'd from them a very Satisfactory Account of their proceedings amongst other things they very justly observe that our Honble Masters by their Letter of the 31 Decr. 1723 (an Extract of which is enclosed for your perusal) thought proper to forbid the importation of Callicoes or piece Goods at that place, but by a particular Indulgence to the Servants there in consideration of their limitted Trade that prohibition was by orders from this Presedency (as you will observe by the Extract of a Letter dated 4 October 1724) alleviated with respect to them, notwithstanding these orders have never been revoked but have always been understood to continue in force, many private Vessells trading from different parts of India have thro' an extream remissness in Government and inattention to Orders been suffered to import & vend their Merchandize of all Sorts at the West Coast without limitation. The Supra Vizors by virtue of the powers we vested them with have

already enforced those Orders and published the prohibition thereby made under penalty of confiscation which we approve and shall confirm, we think it proper to communicate these regulations to your Honour &c[a]. that private Traders from your Port may not ignorantly break thro it.

The Company having been put to a considerable Expence in making a Settlement at Natal on the West Coast of Sumatra with an intention & expectation as it was represented of promoting an Investment of Pepper which now appears to have been ill grounded tho' considerable Advantages have probably arisen from a Trade in Ophium. We think it but just that the Company who have supported the Charge should reap the benefits and have therefore resolved to confine that branch of Trade entirely to them, and shall by our next Advices to the West Coast acquaint the Gentlemen there to publish an absolute prohibition of the importation of Ophium there except on the Companys Account under penalty of Confiscation. The Supra Vizors write us that Fifty Chests of Patna Ophium may be disposed of to advantage which we therefore request your Honour &c[a]. will provide & Consign to Us on the Honble Companys Account. We are in hopes there will be a considerable quantity of Surplus Pepper at Fort Marlbro' this season but of this we are as yet uncertain and expect further Advices which when we receive shall be communicated to you.

Captain Ward has represented to Us that he has considerably more than his Tonnage on board on the Companys Account with which his Ship is so deep that he does not judge it consistent with her safety and that of the Cargo to take in any thing more considering the danger of going over the Flatts into Bengal River for which reason we have not insisted on his taking in any Redwood, we shall consign you by the Denham and other Ships as much as they can carry.

We have permitted John Harley belonging to your detachm[t]. to return to Bengal on the York & We also send you by the same Ship one John Baptist Mioch a French Deserter.

A Packet rec'd from England and a Letter from Bombay are in the Packet with the several Papers rec'd ℔ York to be forwarded and some others as ℔ List.

Captain Wards Sailing Orders are to touch at Vizagapatam to land a Consignment of Treasure and then proceed directly to you.

We are

FORT S[T]. GEORGE

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

THE 27TH. JULY 1754.

Your most Obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEX[R]. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA[S]. BOURCHIER.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ YORK.

Nº. 1 General Letter dated 27th. July 1754.
2 Duplicate Genl. Letter dated 30 June 1754.
3 Invoice of Treasure laden on the York for Bengal.
4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5 Abstract of the St. George's Invoice for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for Ditto.
7 Extract of the Comp. Genl. Letter dated 23 Janry. 1754.
8 Extract of a Genl. Letter from England & one from Fort St. George to Fort Marlbro'.
9 A Roll of Military landed at Fort St. George from the York & Denham wch. were intended for Bengal.
10 List of two Military sent to Bengal ℔ York.
11 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers of the York.
12 Duplicate Indent for Packing Stuff, Salt Petre &ca. wanted at Fort St. George 1754.

Rec'd from England to be forwarded.
13 Europe Invoice of the York for Bengal.
14 Do. Bill of Loading for Ditto.
15 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be Shipped in England on board the York for Coast & Bay.
16 Copy of the York's Victualling Bill.
17 A Packet for the Presidt. & Council of Ft. Wm. ℔ York.

18 A Letter for Do. from Bombay.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. JULY 1754.

JOSS. DU PRÉ
Secry.

Nº. 132.

TO GEORGE PIGOT ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. COUNCIL OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Since we wrote you the 30th. Ulto. & 13th. Instant we have reced. your two Letters of the 12 June and 3d. of this month, in one from Mr. Westcott of the 6th. June we are informed that the Morattas had entirely evacuated that Country, We wish it may prove true, and doubt not but in that case the manufacturers will gladly return to their Habitations and labour & enable you & the Gentlemen at the other two Settlements to supply Us with a good quantity of Cloth for our September dispatch.

Captain Gardner Sailed from hence the 19th. Ulto. in the Charles Snow Capt. Mitchell bound for Bengal & to touch at your Port which he has most probably missed and proceeded to the Bay if this should be the case he will certainly return by the first conveyance in the mean time we recommend it to you to see that your Military be constantly and regularly disciplined.

As Colonel Scott when at your Settlement particularly recommended the building of the Wall from Martins Point to Tonery's Battery, we would have it set about and compleated as soon as possible under the Inspection of

Mr. Heath who is to be paid fifteen Pags. ℔ Month in lieu of Salary & Diet money from the time of his Arrival with you, he received no allowances when here you will therefore discharge what is due to him on that Account according to his standing on the Civil List from the time he last rec'd them at Bandarmalanka and also fifteen Pagodas for his Expences in coming up hither and fifteen for those in returning to you.

You will receive this by the York Captain Ward on which Ship we have consigned to you half a Lack of A Rupees & forty five thousand Mads. Pagodas, of which Twenty thousand Mad. Pags. are for Ingeram & twenty thousand for Madapollam the remaing. 5000 Mad. Pagodas with the Ballance you have remaining & what sent you ℔ St. George will we imagine be a sufficient supply of Gold for your Investment.

Enclosed are the Account Sortments of your Cloth, Account Current with your Settlement & Invoice & Bill of Lading of the Treasure now consigned you. Let your Books be compleated & sent us as soon as possible that ours may be Ballanced.

Captain Wards Sailing Orders are to follow your directions for landing the Treasure consigned to you & then make the best of his way to Bengal.

We are

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 27th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 133.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We wrote to you the 30th. Ulto. & then consigned to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for your use by the St. George 5000 Mad. Pagodas, & the 13th. Instant we gave you some further directions in relation to your Investment, this went by Pattamar and a Duplicate is enclosed your Letter of the 6th. June is received and gives Us great pleasure in the News of the Morattas having entirely evacuated that Country We hope the Weavers will now return to their Employment & that we may yet have a considerable quantity of Cloth from the three' Northern Factorys for our September dispatch without which we shall be greatly distress'd that you may not want any assistance which we can give, we have made a further consignment of twenty thousand Mad. Pags. to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for your use which you will draw from thence as your Occasions may require.

We enclose you an Account Sortment of your Cloth, the Account Current of your Factory and desire that your Books may be compleated and sent Us up as soon as possible.

We are

Fort St. George — Sir

the 27th. July 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 134.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Madapollam.

Sir

We have the pleasure to learn by a Letter from Mr. Westcott of the 6th. Ulto. that the Morattoes had entirely left the Country which gives us hopes of better Success in your Investment than we expected sometime ago, nothing shall be wanting from Us to encourage it, we sent to Vizagapatam by the St. George 5000 Mad. Pags. for your use and then wrote you under date the 30 Ulto. in regard to your Investment and sent you some further directions thereon by Pattamar the 13 Instt. a Duplicate whereof is enclosed. This goes by the York on which Ship we have consigned to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam for the further supply of your Factory 20,000 Mad. Pags. which you will draw from thence as your occasions may require, advise us from time to time what progress you make in your Investment and when we may expect to receive your Bales.

Enclosed is an Account Sortment of your Cloth and the Account Current with your Factory, let your Books be compleated & sent Us up as soon as possible.

We are

Fort St. George — Sir

the 27th. July 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 135.

To Captain Edward Ward
of Ship York.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet for the Chief & Council there as directed and follow their Orders for landing the Treasure consigned to them which being done you are to proceed directly to River of Bengal and deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 27th. July 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 136.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President & Council I forward to you a Bill of Exchange drawn by Linga Chitty in your favour upon Paupa Rauze his Gomastah for fifteen thousand Pagodas payable at fifteen days sight, for which when rec'd, please to credit this Presedency.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedt. humble Servant

Fort St. George.
the 29th. July 1754.

Joss. Du Pré
Secry.

No. 137.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By a Letter just reced. from Capts. Forbes and Campbell we are informed of their being at Trivady with Mahauphooz Cawn who insisted on going to St. David to receive the half Lack he was promised should be paid him on his Arrival at Devecotah; the Junction of this party with the Army at Tanjore is of such consequence that we would use all means to hasten it, therefore to prevent further delays pay the half Lack of Rupees directly in case Mahauzphooz Cawn will promise to proceed & press him strongly not to protract the time any longer but use the greatest diligence to join his Brother.

Your several Letters are received and shall be fully answered in a day or two.

We are

Fort St. George the 29th. July 1754.

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 138.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We wrote you a short Letter the 29th. to direct the payment of half a Lack of Rupees to Mahauphooz Cawn & our Secry. by our direction has sent you a remittance of 15000 Pagodas we shall now answer your several Letters of the 9th. 10th. 17th. & 26th. Instant.

That we may not seem to bear hard on the Trevendeporum Renters tho' in reality what we insisted on is most reasonable and favourable, we consent to their taking the Oath we prescribed to their Losses for 1753 & 1754 at the same time, provided it be done forthwith, for we observe the term of payment is not till the first of Novr. to compleat the Year, and if they mean to defer taking the Oath till then we shall look upon their behaviour as trifling with Us, and will not admit of it, but insist on that Account being settled immediately, if they take the Oath directly as it is their own proposal they will not be entitled to any further Allowance for damages should any happen within the term still to run of 1754.

We are very sorry to hear the Cost of the Tents you sent Us up agrees pretty nearly with what has charged for some time past because it appears to Us most Exorbitant when compared with what some other Tents made here stand the Company in, those We received from you were immediately sent to Camp so that there was not time to take the exact demensions of them, but they seemed to be pretty near the common size, the difference between their Cost & ours is stated here under for your Observation Vizt.

Fort St. David Officers Tent, Markey &ca. Compleat	92	27	—
Fort St. George Officers Tent, Markey &ca. Compleat contg. 263.1/3 Yds. of Vitteree	59	15	43
Difference ...	33	11	37
Fort St. David Private Tent	9	18	—
Fort St. George Ditto containing 28.1/4 Yds. Vitteree all Charges included	4	16	21
Difference	5	1	59

We suspend our Judgement on this remarkable difference untill you acquaint Us what are the dimensions & qualitys of your Tents that their price should be swelled so much beyond ours, let it be very particularly inquired into & stated to Us and if you find there has been any fraud examine and acquaint Us what number of Tents the Company have been supplied with at that rate and by whom.

As soon as all the Writers for this Establishment expected from Europe are arrived we shall station them according to their several Capacitys and shall then be mindfull to supply you with as many as can be spared, Acquaint Us how many you reckon a full supply without employing any monthl writers & specfy for what employs they are wanted.

We called upon Capt. James of the Protector to make good the bundle of Steel Pz. 1.1 qr. which you say was deficient, but he insisted that he delivered it with the rest into Boat No. 7 this assertion would not have been altogether satisfactory had he not produced Us his Bill of Lading discharged, so that one way or other there has been some irregularity which the Company must not suffer for, but if the steel is really deficient, as the Storekeeper was to blame for delivering up the Bill of Loading he must make it good.

You did very right in refusing to gratifie your Merchants in their request for an advance of price on their Cloth tho' we are sensible they have some reason of their side, but the difficultys that have been always found in this Country especially to reduce a price that has once been advanced are so very great that nothing but unavoidable necessity can justifie it, indeed it would by no means Answer at present when our Honble Masters complain that our Investmt. yields them little or no profit. The reason you were not supplied with Cash sooner to proceed in your Investment was that we had barely sufficient in the Treasury to answer the Current Expences of the Settlement & the continual demands for the Army and other contingent Charges but as soon as the arrival of the Europe Ships put it in our power to remove that difficulty, we supplied you plentifully & shall continue to do so to the full amount of what you can Invest acquaint Us therefore as near as you can how long your present Cash will answer your demands, that we may provide some Conveyance in time to send you what may be further necessary for your Occasions. When we directed you to advance some money to your old Merchts. as well as the new we assigned the reasons for it that we thought it wrong to lay them entirely aside and fling the whole Trade into the new Merchants hands by making Advances to them only to the utter ruin of the rest, but if they have neglected to exert themselves in return for this Indulgence we shall no longer think them worthy of favour you must therefore insist on their bringing in very shortly to the full amount of their last advance & press them to lessen their Ballances when that is done they may be again tried, as to Irshipa Chitty and Paupa Rauze whom you represent as the most active & responsible persons we are very willing to give them all prudent encouragements the reasons we gave for limitting your advances to Pags. 5000 were that the troubles your way made it too dangerous to risque more at once with the respective Merchants, the same reasons subsists still and we are induced to deviate from there, only beause we are press'd to it by urgent necessity, the Consequence of Septr. dispatch is so great to our Hon'ble Masters that to accomplish it we must run greater risques than we should otherwise chuse, you may therefore advance those two Merchants or such others as may be depended on as largely as you think consistent with prudence & we rely on your utmost diligence to get your cloth cured as early as possible that we may get the Ship clear of the Coast before the breaking up of the Monsoon.

Enclosed is a List of what Goods are to be provided by you for the Current year which we trust you will do your best to comply with be very attentive to the remarks on your Investments which we send you herewith as extracted from the List of Investments received this season from England and pay as great regard to them as if they were repeated here for we are determined to see our

Honble Masters directions executed as litterally as possible, or that sufficient reasons be given for any default. In this Packet you will also receive Copy of an Account sent Us from England of the true Measure of Long Cloth & Salampores &c^a^. & an Account of Goods over & wanting ℔ Ships arrived in England 1753 with respect to the latter you will observe some Mistakes have been committed both here and at your Settlement in embaling & Invoicing the Goods, let such as relate to you be rectified, and your Export Warehousekr. must be answerable to the Company for what Goods appear to be really deficient, when this Account is adjusted advise Us how you have settled it and what deficiencys are paid for.

Your Indent for Stores shall be complied with as far as we are able by the first Opportunity.

Advise Us at what rate Pagodas may be exchanged into fanams at your place and if it appear worth while you shall have a supply as to Copper Cash its impossible to think about them whilst the Mint is so engaged as it is at present in coining the Treasure from Europe, as soon as that is done we shall order the Cash to be set about.

Mr. Thomas Maunsell is henceforward to be considered as Commissary at Camp a head must accordingly be erected in your Books to which that new standing there for Mr. Robert Palk as Commissary must be wrote off.

In the beginning of the year you applied to Us for directions how to adjust your Stewards Account Furniture, it could not then be done, but in our Letter dated 8th. April we put you in a method to which we refer, we do not find that it has yet been thought of, it should be set about as soon as possible.

The Deputy Govr. acquaints Us you have but two Mussoolahs and that more will be wanted, you may therefore order two others to be built which will be sufficient.

Let us have the Account Current with your Settlement the difficultys We were put too for want of your Books last year in time and what passed on that Occasion we hope will be a sufficient inducement to you to be carefull that those ending Ulto. April 1754 are compleated and sent Us in good time.

We observe your Consultations have no Marginal Notes which must be rectified in future, and we would have you mention upon every Page of your Consultation Book the day of the month on which each Consultation is held for the more ready turning to the same.

Our Honble Masters having given some very particular directions relating to their morals and manner of living of their servants in General we send you an extract thereof that you may carefully conform thereto. Acquaint Us particularly of the result of the Enquirys you shall make from time to time in consequence of the 63 Paragraph.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE — GENTLEMEN

THE 31ST. JULY 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

LIST OF GOODS TO BE PROVIDED AT FORT S^T^. DAVID FOR THE YEAR 1754.

	Pieces.
LONG CLOTH Ordinary as much as can be procured.	
Ditto. fine four thousand	4,000
Ditto. Blue deep die, Ordinary and Middling four thousand. These of late years have been very thin and Ordinay care must be taken to amend them.	4,000
ROOMALS Blue Seven thousand .. .. The full quantity must be procured if possible or the reason assigned for a deficiency.	7,000
SALAMPORES rdinary as much as can be procured.	
D' Midling as much as can be procured.	
D' Fine four thousand	4,000
SUCCATUMS Fine Twenty Yards long two hundred	200

We are
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FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 31ST. JULY 1754.

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No. 139.

TO MR. CHARLES HOPKINS
CHIEF OF DEVE COTAH.

SIR

We observe by your Letter of the 15th. Instant you are under some difficultys how to adjust an Article in your Books of Firelocks for which Expedition to Tritchenopoly stands Dr. to Account Current Fort St. David tho' by what we can understand there is no such Article in the Fort St. David Books, that you may not be at a Stand on this Account let Account Current Fort St. George be Credited and we will settle it here.

In regard to the Ground you propose to have sold as an Encouragement to Inhabitants to come and settle there, it is improper to be put in Execution at present as the whole Country is rented of Us for a certain Term and it may injure the Farmers, the Cowle will expire next June when it may be effected with much greater ease.

Since we ordered Mr. Call to survey your Fortifications and Buildings we have rec'd our Honble Masters orders not to lay out any thing more on them than is absolutely necessary, the Charge of putting them in a tollerable condition would be so considerable that we cannot think of entering on it, the most essential repair wanting at present is the Powder Magazine which therefore you must get done, acquaint Mr. Call with our directions on this head that he may advise what is proper to be done to the Magazine, we only mean that it is to be so fitted up as to render it tollerably secure for that purpose, any other trifling repairs may also be made if they are really necessary & not otherwise.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 31ST. JULY 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 140.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

In your Letter of the 6th. Instant you acquainted Us you had permitted Mr. Henry Eustace Johnson to come up hither for the recovery of his health, which we were before informed of by his arrival here the 5th. Instant, on a proper representation from you we should not have refused him that liberty, but we cannot approve of the Companys Servants removing from any of the Subordinates without our leave first obtained unless upon very emergent Occasions Mr. Johnsons was not so pressing but that it might have admitted of delay till our answer could have been received.

When we compare your Letter of the 17 July in relation to the Investment, with what you say on that Subject in our last we observe a very remarkable difference, In the first you say Irshippa Chitty & Paupa Rauze upon an Ingenuous Computation of the Number of Bales they could provide against the September dispatch were in hopes of bringing in about 400 if they were not impeded for want of money or by fresh disturbances, upon this we gave you liberty to advance them as largely as you might judge prudent which they are no sooner appriz'd of than they evade giving any direct answer & only tell you in general Terms they will do their best leaving it very doubtfull whether any dependance can be had on their performance, this is acting very disingenously by you of which they should be made sensible.

Enclosed, you will receive a report in consequence of a survey of Cloth received, from you in February last, it is very fortunate that we were not under a necessity of immediately shipping it off for Europe without reembaling, had we done so, how justly should we have been exposed to the severest Censure of our Honble Masters, but the fault is not the more excusable because this has not happened, the Bale Notes plainly shew the Cloth was never sorted, a neglect that cannot be passed over, it is not sufficient to say the Company shall not be injured by this particular Case, for they would have suffered had we not discovered it however untill we hear what you have to offer. we shall only add that We are determined your Export Warehousekeeper shall either take the Cloth for his own Account or make good the difference of value to the Company upon a just appraisement.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^t^. George
the 14th. August 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 141.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

By your Letter of the 6th. August we observe you are in want of Arms for the new raised Seapoys, we have no Conveyance at present to send any, the Gentlemen at St. David must therefore supply you with as many as they can & when an opportunity offers we shall replace them.

If the Polligars are really as remiss in their duty as you represent them they certainly are culpable, we very well know the Nature & Customs of the Natives prompt them to injustice & Tyranny and we know too that those out of power are never to be satisfied & always full of Complaints, therefore be very cautious in your enquirys, give Credit to neither party without just grounds & upon proof punish the offenders satisfie the Injured & oblige every one to perform his duty.

The Repairs (of which you enclose an Estimate) appearing to be necessary let them be executed, we mean the last, the former amount to a large sum & require further Consideration.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 15th. August 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 142.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatched the Protector back to you the 19th. Ulto. and then addressed you, we have since had your favour of the 6th. June.

We must appologize to your Honr. &ca. for a little mistake which has been committed inadvertently, in tearing the Cover of a Packet directed to you which came in one to Us from the West Coast, it is now forwarded to you with one from Anjengo & another from England.

The Norfolk arrived here the 17 Instant from England but as she sailed at the same time with the York & Denham she brings nothing new.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 20th. August 1754.

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

N°. 143.

To George Scott Esqr. Chief &c^a.
Factors at Anjengo.

Gentlemen

We have duly reced. your two Letters of the 5 June & 4th. July with the Packets accompanying them for the President and Council of Bombay, the first was forwarded the 19 Ultimo by the Protector, & latter dispatched by Pattamar yesterday.

The Ships from Europe bound for this Port & China all came safe & were dispatched in due time for their destined Port The York, Denham & Norfolk for Coast & bay are also arrived here and the two former gone to the Bay.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort S^t. George
the 21 August 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex^r. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

N°. 144.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&c^a. Council of Fort S^t. David.

Gentlemen

By order of the President & Council I enclose a remittance in your favour of a Lack of Rupees drawn by Linga Chitty on his Gomastah Paupa Rauze & Nauchuma Chitty payable at 15 days sight for which when reced. please to credit this Presidency.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obed^t. hble Servant

Fort S^t. George
the 21 August 1754.

Jos. Du Pré
Secry.

No. 145.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last Address was by the York dated the 27 Ultimo when we were in hopes the arrival of the Norfolk would have soon enabled Us to dispatch the Denham to you, but that Ship having had a very long passage did not import here till the 17 Instant.

In our two last Letters to your Honour &ca. we enclosed Indents for 3000 Bags Salt Petre, but having since had an opportunity of purchasing here at the Bengal price 2542 Bags we shall have occasion for the less from you and request you will please to send us only five hundred Bags.

We shall also be obliged to you for as large a supply of good Gunpowder as you can send Us, & beg your Compliance with the accompanying Indent for Wares to be forwarded to the West Coast.

Enclosed is an Account of a deficiency ℔ York the amount whereof Captain Ward paid here, but as it is probable the particulars may be found in unloading the ship in that case we are to request your Honour &ca. will forward them to Us, reimburse Capt. Ward the value, & debt Us for the same.

We have landed from the Norfolk all the Military Recruits intended for you, a List of them is in the Packet.

We have laden & Consigned to you on the Denham 20 Chests of Bullion, ten Chests of Arcot Rupees, & thirty Chests of Mad. Rupees & have ordered the Commander to proceed immediately to the Bay without touching any where.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 21 August 1754

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

A Packet rec'd from England & one from the West Coast under your address in the Packet We have consigned to you on this Ship
Ca. Md.
Denham 134. 8 Redwood, as ℔ Invoice.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ⅌ DENHAM.

No. 1 Genl. Letter dated the 21 August 1754.
2 Dup. Do 27 July
3 Invoice of Treasure laden on the Denham for Bengal.
4 Bill of Loading for Do.
5 Duplicate Invoice of the York for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for Do.
7 Extract of the Comp. Genl. Letter dated 23 Janry. 1754.
8 Extract of a Genl. Letter from England from the York, & Denham which were intended for Bengal.
9 Roll of Military landed at Fort St. George from the York, & Denham which were intended for Bengal.
10 Do. landed from the Norfolk.
11 Indent for wares for Fort Marlborough.
12 Account Deficiencys ⅌ York.
13 Account of Merchandize Imported at Fort St. George by the Commander & Officers of the Denham.

Received from England to be forwarded.
14 Europe Invoice of the Denham for Bengal.
15 Bill of Loading for Do.
16 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England on board the Denham for Coast & Bay.

Received from England to be forwarded.
17 Copy of the Denham's Victualling Bill.
18 A Packet for the Presidt. & Council of Ft. Wm. ⅌ Denham.
19 A Packet for Do. rec'd from Fort Marlbro'.

JOS. DU PRE
Secry.

No. 146.

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE MEARD
OF SHIP DENHAM.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council of Fort William & follow their Orders for your further proceedings. DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE the 21 August 1754.

SIGNED by Order of the President & Council.

JOS: DU PRE
Secry.

No. 147.

To George Pigot Esq[r]. Chief &c[a].
Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We dispatched the York from hence the 27th. Ult[o]. with orders to touch at your Port to land a Consignment of Treasure of which we then advised you.

The Deficiency in the Rice is very considerable and probably arises in a great measure from Pilferage which it is impossible ever to prevent, we apprehended a Loss would happen by sending it on Country Vessells, but as you were in want & we had no other Conveyance it became a case of necessity, the Syrangs of those vessells were so sensible of this that they refused to take the Grain on board if they were to be made answerable for deficiencys, we agreed they should not & therefore what is wanting must be wrote off to Profit & Loss.

Ibrahim Ally Cawn having wrote the President very pressingly for some Assistance to support himself & family requesting at the same time that he would dispose of a quantity of Paddy for his Account which was lodged here & remit him the produce, as we have reced favours from Japhir Ally Cawn & should be glad to do his family any service provided our Hon̄ble Masters are not sufferers by it, we have purchased the said Paddy for the Companys Account amounting to four hundred & one Pagodas twenty seven fanams & seventy two Cash (401—27—72) the quantity being 12 Garce 70 Marcals at 33 Pag[s]. ℘ Garce which sum you will pay to Ibrahim Ally Cawn & debt Us for the same

You must certainly be mistaken in the measure of your brown Cloth it could never fail of turning out above 36 yards when white if it were 72 Covids brown. we have made the Experiment here upon five pieces brown Cloth each measuring brown exactly Seventy Covids, after being washed four of them were full 68½ Covids long or 36 yds. 5½ Inch[s]. & the fifth sixty Nine Covids or 36 yds. 15 Inch[s]. but tho' this exceeds the Companys Measure we have ordered that no Cloth under 70 Covids shall be taken in & even insist on its being full Seventy One or upwards, you must observe the same and for greater Satisfaction we would have you try the Experiment yourselves.

We observe the quantity of Cloth you have on hand and hope you will be able to encrease it considerably in time for our dispatch we should be glad you would always mention at the foot of your Letters as particularly as in your last the Cloth you have ready & preparing.

Mess[rs]. Westcott & Andrews write Us that Mons[r]. Bussey is expected at Rajahmundrum & that they apprehend he will impede our business & insist on being treated as Nabob of that province, we have ordered them not to acknowledge him as such on any Account, and you will observe the same, he is no more than Renter of those Countrys.

M[r] Dupleix is dismissed from his Government and is succeeded in it by Mons[r]. Godeheu lately arrived from France, he speaks in a very pacifick Stile & we shall not be backward in Answering his Intentions if they really tend to the restoring tranquility on just & honourable terms but we shall be on our guard & place no more confidence in Gallic Declarations than they deserve.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 22[d]. August 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
John Smith.
Cha[s]. Bourchier.

No. 148.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have three Letters from you unanswered dated the 7th. 13th. & 29th. July, we are gald to observe by the Letter that the dispute with the French in regard to your Timbers has been settled to your Satisfaction had it been otherwise we should have used our endeavours to procure you Justice. The Answer you returned to Juggapetarauzes demand of the Towns which the Company hold by Cowles from Vizaramrauze was very right. The French will certainly try every means in their power to wrest from Us our legal possessions, their Actions have so plainly proved their Intentions that we ought to be the more on our Guard, your resolution to defend the Companys possession under your Charge to the last extremity is highly laudable, we hope & don't doubt but you will continue it & that it will have the desired Effect to the Confusion of the disturbers of publick tranquility, but to be ready for the worst your Caution in preparing a vessell to secure the Companys Effects is proper and what we sometime ago directed tho' we don't imagine it will come to this extremity, but let what will happen you are not on any Account to acknowledge Mr. De Bussey as Nabob of that Province for he really is not the most he can with any Colour pretend to is a Cowle from Salabat Jing for receiving the Rents.

Monsr. Godeheu is lately arrived from France in quality of Governour General & Commander in Chief of all the French Companys Settlements in India, he declares his Orders & Intentions are pacifick how far they are so time must shew, but we shall have no relyance on declarations unless they are supported by suitable actions.

We observe the quantity of Cloth you have on hand continue to mention it constantly at the Foot of all your Letters, we can add nothing to what we have already said on this subject and we rely on your best endeavours on our parts we will give you what assistance we can, a Military force is not in our power to spare but a further supply of money shall be sent to Vizagapatam for your use before the season is over, & also the Gunpowder you desire.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 22d. August 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 149.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

Our last to you was by the York dated the 27 July, We have since recēd your three Letters of the 17 & 18 of the same Month & the [*lacuna*] August. We observe what you say in regard to your Investment we have already given you our Sentiments on it so fully that it would be but a needless repetition to enforce it, we were pleased to learn by your Letter of the 17 that the Towns where the Chief part of your Cloth is manufactured had escaped the fury of the Morattoes the good Effects will we hope be felt in your Investment, Mr. De Bussey will doubtless impede it as much as he can & you are right to be on your Guard tho' we cannot imagine he will proceed to the extremitys you apprehend, but even if he should you are on no Account to acknowledge him as Nabob of the Province, he is no more than the Renter of it by virtue of a Cowle from Salabat Jing, therefore pursue the Instructions we have already given you, prepare a Vessell to secure the Companys Effects on, in case you should be attacked maintain your Ground to the last extremity and when you can do no more embark and proceed to Vizagapatam, we should be glad were it in our power to assist you with more than Advice and Orders, but we cannot spare any further reinforcements from hence.

Monsr. Godehu is lately arrived from France in quality of Governour General & Commander in Chief of all the French Companys Settlements in India, he declares his Orders & Intentions are pacifick how far they are so time must shew, but we shall have no relyance on declarations unless they are supported by suitable Actions.

You should never omit to mention at the foot of your Letters what quantity of Cloth you have on hand. That you may not be impeded in your Investment for want of money we propose sending a further supply to Vizagapatam for your use by the latter ships.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 22d. August 1754.

No. 150.

To Mr. Andrew Newton at Tanjore.

Sir

In February last a large number of Bales of Brown Cloth were reced. from Fort St. David which having been since examined no less than 1222 pieces have been found so torn & damaged as to be fit for nothing but wrappers, the Bale Notes are all signed measured & Embaled by you but it does not appear that the Cloth was ever sorted. I am ordered by the President & Council to desire you will acquaint them whether you recollect anything of the sorting that Cloth, & by whom it was done with any other Circumstances relating to it that may occur to you.

The 6th. & 8th. Instant I enclosed you 2 Bills for 5000 Pagodas ea. for the use of the Army the receipt whereof has not been acknowledged please to let me know whether they came safe & have been paid.

I am
Sir
Your most humble Servant
Jos. Du Pre'
Secry.

Fort St. George
the 27th. August 1754.

No. 151.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We reply to your Letter of the 20th. Instant.

The sum of the Trevendeporum Renters say they have collected, is much less than we could have imagined, but as they have sworn to the Account in the most solemn manner their religion enjoins, & you no doubt have taken all the pains you could by other means to discover the truth you may receive the amount in full to 31 July last.

We did not mean to have your enquiry concerning the Tents extend so far back as Mr. Cookes time, that having formerly been examined into & his reasons transmitted to Europe as to those that have been made since, the report of your Committee gives us reason to suspect the Company have been imposed on than we at first Imagined for according to their report our Officers Tents contain above Eighty three Yards of Vitterry more than the largest of yours & One hundred & thirty three Yards more than the smallest & yet yours amount to above thirty three Pagodas more than ours, the difference in the private Tents is as remarkable, Ours contain above eight yards of Vitterry more than yours & cost above four Pagodas & three Quarters less which exceeds the charge of our more than One hundred One ℔ Cent, we grant the Vitterry may be a trifle dearer at your place than here, but it can bear no sort of proportion to the difference between your Charge & ours, we are determined to have this Affair cleared up if possible & to do the Company Justice, therefore a further enquiry must be made if (as it appears by your Committees Report) the Officers Tents were of different sizes vizt. from 130 to 180 yards, how comes it that they are all charged at the same price 92¾ Pags. tho' the exact quantity of Vitterry used by each Tent may not appear by the Companys Books it probably may by the Storehouse Conicoplys Cadjans or the late Mr. St. Paul's private Conicoplys, examine them strictly 'tis impossible but that they must be very well acquainted with every Circumstance, if they prevaricate or pretend Ignorance, confine them or use such rigorous measures as may best conduce to a discovery of the truth and follow the same method with all other persons from whom you may have reason to expect any Information when by such an enquiry you are thoroughly informed of the quantity & quality of the Vittery used in those Tents the Charge of making and every other particular relating to them report the same to Us with your Opinion, before we leave the subject we must observe that the reasons given for making the Officers Tents of different Sizes ought not to be admitted let a certain Standard be fixed & don't deviate from it to gratifie any Officer without a very good reason.

We should have paid a much greater regard to your assertion than to the attestation of Conicoplys, Cotton beaters, Peons, Bag Cooleys and Packers on whose Testimony we know how to set a Just value, but as you aver the Cloth was sorted we cannot doubt it & only want to be satisfied by whom it was done,

the means of proving this occurrs very readily; your packing Book will immediately shew every particular, for our satisfaction let the foul Book be sent Us up directly. It is extreamly improbable that any of the Cloth should have met with the damage we mentioned, since you parted with it, for the 1222 pieces were not as you seem to apprehend contained in forty Bales but were picked out of the whole quantity you sent us up brown & none of those Bales appeared on the outside to have the least damage as our Export Warehousekeepers informs Us which fixes the fault still at your Settlement it will avail but little merely to prove the Cloth was sorted for it will still be certain either that it was sorted without attention or that the Cloth was changed afterwards which it rests with you to discover we shall be very glad to have it fixed upon the guilty, you will therefore take such measures as you think best to detect the fraud, for be assured we will see Justice done the Company.

We do not desire your Warehousekeeper should be answerable for any deficiencys that he is not properly chargeable with, but as you can by your books readily tell who had the Employ of Export warehouse keeper at the several times when the Cloth ℔ Admiral Vernon, Bombay Castle & Chesterfield was embaled, let them be examined & send us an Account of the deficiencys & persons who are chargeable with them.

Captain James positively averred that his Bill of Lading was regularly indorsed as fullfilled, we cannot be so certain that he actually produced it, as your Storekeeper insists he endorsed it with an exception let the affair rest for the present we shall write to Bombay when we shall desire that Capt. James may be called upon to produce the Bill of Lading & if it is endorsed with an exception be obliged to make good the deficiency otherwise your Storekeeper must answer for it.

If you can Exchange Pagodas into fanams at 43 it is much better that you should do so than have them sent from hence where the Exchange for any quantity is 42[fa.] 20[ca.] you will therefore supply yourselves.

It is probable we may soon have Occasion to employ the Reverend Mr. Palk in our Negociations with the French but as soon as it is more convenient one of the Companys Chaplains shall reside with you some part of the Year.

According to a just valuation of the several Horses that were lent to mount the Troops we find Cootahs White Horse valued at One hundred & twenty Pagodas which sum you'll therefore pay him.

Our Madeira Wine is very near expended so that we cannot supply you with any more, let Us have a particular Account how the thirty Pipes sent you have been distributed.

In regard to the Deve Cotah Bound Renters demand we are informed Messrs. Boddam & Wynch when Paymasters supplied the Company with an additional number of Bricks in consideration of the liberty of cutting Firewood without Charge as to the Polligars, The Braminys, Rama Naigue &ca. a mere assertion that they are indebted in certain sums is no way satisfactory, some sort of proof should be brought & they should have an opportunity of justifying themselves, all which you will thoroughly enquire into, we must observe that the Jancan appears to Us very extravagant, the value of all the Firewood Mr. Wynch had from thence was no more than 1100 & the Juncan charged in the Account you sent Us up is 458 Pagodas, let this be enquired into.

The disabled Topasses who came in from Camp should be put upon the pension list but they should first produce a Certificate from the Commander in Chief of their good behaviour to entitle them thereto as to the Lascars we

rather chuse they should have a gratuity given them according to the Circumstances of their case and be dismissed without buthening [*sic*] the Company any further.

The Dutch never deliver up any Deserters from Us therefore by all means protect those that may fly from them to Us for refuge but the Boat which you mention to have been run away with from Negapatam must be returned. We have at times had many Men desert to the Dutch We are certain they fare no where so well as with Us & therefore imagine they would again be glad of our Service encourage them to it, & to that end publish all over the Bounds a free pardon to all deserters whatsoever who shall return.

Enclosed is a List of sundry Hospital necessarys Indented for by Mr. Wilson at Tritchenopoly, you will order them to be prepared and sent thither by the first Opportunity.

Mahomed Ebar Cawn has wrote the President that he is sent by Major Lawrence & the Nabob to fetch Mahauphooz Cawn & desires that the 50,000 Rupees may be paid to him, that he will engage Mahauphooz Cawn to proceed and not advance him the money till he has passed the Coladam, but if after all Mahauphooz Cawn should still refuse to move he will be accountable for & repay the money as he shall be directed. We would have the Deputy Govr. discourse with Ebar Cawn & promise him the half Lack on Mahauphooz Cawn's arrival at Deve Cotah but if that should not be satisfactory pay him the money directly making him accountable in case Mahauphooz Cawn should still delay or refuse to proceed.

The Deputy Govr. has wrote to the President in regard to the providing a large number of Cotts in case any Land Forces should be sent from Europe, Admiral Boscawen Forces were supplied with Matts only & the same method may be practised again, a few Cotts may be provided for the sick.

The Anson arrived here this morning from England by her Our Hon'ble Masters have been pleased to make an alteration in the Council which now stands thus.

Thomas Saunders Esqr. ...	President & Govr.
George Pigot Esqr.	Second of Council Deputy Govr of Fort St. David & to succeed as President & Govr. in case of the death or removal of Thomas Saunders Esqr.
Lieut. Coll. Alexander Heron ...	Major & third of Council & to remain so without rising to a superiour rank therein.
Richard Starke	Fourth of Council
Charles Boddam	Fifth
Henry Powney	Sixth
Robert Orme	Seventh
Foss Westcott	Eighth
Alexr. Wynch	Ninth
William Perceval	Tenth
Thomas Cooke	Eleventh
John Smith	Twelfth.
Chas. Bourchier	Thirteenth

We have immediate Occasion for the Dragon Sloop if she should be with you on the receipt of this dispatch her directly to Us.

We are

Fort St. George Gentlemen

the 29th. August 1754. Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.,
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 152.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

The Anson Capt. Veitch arrived this day from England, we have immediate Occasion for the Dragon Sloop, if she should be with you on the receipt of this dispatch her directly to Us.

Your Letter of the 19th. with the Monthly Accounts of the Settlement are received.

We are

Fort St. George Sir

the 29th. August 1754. Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 153.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters by their Commands dated the 15th. Febry. last received the 29th. Ultimo by their Ship Anson, having signified to Us their Appointment of George Pigot Esqr. to be second of Council, Deputy Governour of Fort St. David and to succeed as President and Governour in case of the death or removal of Thomas Saunders Esqr.. We congratulate him on this mark of their favour and would have him take the very first Opportunity of coming up hither. We have appointed Charles Boddam Esqr. to Succeed Mr. Pigot in the Chiefship of Vizagapatam, Mr. John Lewin Smith to be Second in the room of Mr. Banks (whose death we are advised of by your Letter of the 11th. Ultimo) and Mr. Marmaduke Best to supply the place of Mr. John Lewin Smith as third of Council, but as it may be some time before Mr. Boddam can leave this place and

Mr. Pigots presence here will be proper as soon as possible the charge of the Settlement on his quitting it must be delivered over to Mr. John Lewin Smith as provisional Chief untill Mr. Boddams arrival.

Your Indent for Stores shall be complied with by the first Opportunity.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 2d. Septr. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Wm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 154.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca.
Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We wrote to you by Pattamr the 2d. Instant and now dispatch the Dragon Sloop to you with a Duplicate since the date of which our Hon'ble Masters Ship Britannia, employed as a Transport for his Majestys Land Forces is arrived at Fort St. David with part of those intended for the Companys protection on this Coast, we are in hourly expectation of the rest accompanyed by a Fleet of his Majestys Ships of War.

The Dragon Sloop is to be returned to Us as soon as the season will permit.

Enclosed is the Invoice and Bill of Lading of what Stores we have been able to send you by this Conveyance.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 6th. Septr. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

P.S.—Enclosed are two Letters one for Vizaramrauze the other for Ibrahim Ally Cawn which you will forward the accompanying Translations are for your perusal.

No. 155.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Enclosed is a Duplicate of our last which we hope will arrive in time to prevent your taking any step that might be construed an Acknowledgment of Mr.De Bussey for Nabob of the Province especially as we observe by your Letter of the 14th. August you were apprehensive from his proceedings he would arrogate to himself a power and dignity he is not invested with & expect Vackeels from the English Settlements to wait on him so long as he receives the rents assigned to him without molesting Us or impeding our business. We must be content to leave him in the enjoyment of them and consider him as a renter only, your whole business therefore is to remain firm in the defence of the Companys rights & Estate committed to your Charge and not to do anything that may either embroil you with the French or on the other hand be construed a submission to their unjust pretensions.

The Britannia with some of his Majestys Forces on board is arrived at Fort St. David, we are in hourly expectation of the arrival of more with a fleet of Men of War.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Wm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Fort St. George
the 6th. Sepr. 1754.

No. 156.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

This encloses a duplicate of our last and acknowledges the receipt of yours of the 23d. ultimo. We have not been less pressing with the Gentlemen at the other Settlements than with you in regard to the Investment and they have given us the strongest assurances that they will observe our directions as punctually as possible we [sic] a very sensible that your Co-operating in the same measures will contribute much to facilitate the execution of them we shall therefore be equally strict and give equal encouragement to all.

Our Honble Masters Ship Britannia serving as a Transport is arrived at Fort St. David with some of his Majestys Land Forces, we are in hourly expectation of more with a Fleet of Men of War.

We are

Fort St. George
Sir

the 6th. Sepr. 1754.
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Wm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 157.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

As You have not advised Us whether there is any packet or not on board the Britannia for Us we conclude there is none however if there should be any forward it to Us immediately by Mussoolah.

We are

Fort St. George
Gentlemen

the 10th. Sepr. 1754.
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Wm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 158.

To Thomas Cooke Esqr. at Fort St. David.

Sir

The Honble Court of Directors having taken notice in one of their Letters that it was hinted to them two of the Council had attempted to commit a fraud by an Over charge in their Accounts the President thereupon acquainted the board that Major Lawrence had informed him such a report had been spread by John Moore the Carpenter against Mr. Smith and you Mr. Smith having in consequence wrote to Major Lawrence for Information on that subject, has laid before the Board an Extract of his answer in which he says that having applied to John Moore to know the truth of that report, John Moore declared himself in the following Manner Vizt.

" I carried in my Bill for payment, Messrs. Smith & Cooke were together
" (the amount of the Bill I think he said was between 8 & 900 Pagodas) on
" presenting my account either Mr. Smith or Mr. Cooke or both of them said

"we will pay you the account, but cannot you encrease the amount to 1500 "Pagodas by enlarging the Articles, upon which he John Moore, said what "Gentlemen would you have me cheat the Company, I will do no such things.

The Honble Court of Directors having ordered an enquiry to be made into this Affair & transmitted to them I am directed by the President & Council to acquaint you there with and to desire you will communicate to them whatever you may know in regard to the matter in question.

I AM
SIR
Your most Obed[t]. h'ble Serv[t].
Jos[s]. Du Pre'
Secry.

Fort S[t]. George
the 10th. Sep[r]. 1754.

No. 159.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq[r].
President & Governour &c[a]. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our Hon'ble Masters Ship Denham was dispatched from hence to you the 21st. Ult[o]. with our Address of that date, since when the Anson imported here, Captain Veitch having been allowed a considerable time to refresh, and provide necessarys for his Ship and people proceeds to you with 36 Chests of Mad: Rupees and 12 Chests of Arcot Rupees being pretty near the whole amount of the Treasure consigned from Europe to be forwarded to you.

Our Honble Masters having been under a necessity of sending the Kent, London and Britannia to this Coast on purpose to Transport a detachment of Troops his Majesty has been graciously pleased to assist the Company with, they have ordered Us to concert with you the best Measures for employing that additional Tonnage in such manner as to indemnifie them from the heavy charge of Demorage, it is probable you are furnished with the same Instructions as are sent Us, however that we may go hand in hand we send you a Copy of ours for your Information. The Britannia is already arrived, and we are in hourly expectation of the Kent & London.

In our Letter of the 16 April we acquainted your Honour &c[a]. with our Sentiments on the State of the Trade in India and how incapable we were of taking up any of the Companys Tonnage this Season on our own Accounts; Experience has since confirmed our Opinion, but tho' we cannot employ any of these ships at our own risque yet as well in compliance with our Honble Masters commands as through our own Inclination to disburthen them we have given publick notice that all persons who may be inclined to freight any or either of the ships Kent London or Britannia may deliver in their proposals to Us and we shall give all the encouragement we can to those who may be inclined to Venture but we much doubt the Success of this Plan, if we should not be able to let either of them we shall send the three down to the Bay in hopes that your Honour &c[a]. may be more fortunate than we in the disposal of them, but in case you should lay under the same inability that we do we then can think of no other scheme than returning them to Us in January with Cargoes of rice, we therefore submit to your Honor[r]. &c[a]. either to provide such Cargoes or not as you shall judge most for our Hon'ble Masters Interest.

His Majesty has been pleased to assist the Company with a Regiment of Infantry consisting of above 800 Men and a detachment of near 80 men from

the Royal Train of Artillery with a Squadron of 5 Men of War and a Sloop commanded by Admiral Watson, the Admiral with two others are already arrived and the rest are daily expected.

The Colchester is not yet arrived therefore we still detain the Norfolk.

We must apologize to your Honour &ca. for inadvertently opening the Box packet from Europe ℘ Anson under your Address, Captain Veitch brought it ashore by mistake and it was opened without observing the direction, we soon discovered the Error and had it nailed up and sealed again immediately.

Captain Veitches Orders are to proceed to Vizagapatam to land a Consignment of Treasure anl then make the best of his way to you.

We are

Fort St. George

the 14th. Sepr. 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedt. Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Wm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

List of the Packet to Bengal ℘ Anson.

No. 1 General Letter dated 14th. September 1754.
2 Duplicate Do. . . . 21 August
3 Invoice of the Anson for Bengal.
4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.
5 Dup. Invoice of the Denham for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading Ditto.
7 Extract of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated 2d. March 1754.
8 Account of Goods & Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Comm. & Officers of the Anson.
9 Account Deficiencys ℘ York.
10 List of Military consigned to Bengal ℘ Norfolk but landed here.
11 Indent for Wares for Fort Marlborough.
12 Europe Invoice of the Anson for Bengal.
13 Bill of Lading for Do.
14 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Anson for the Coast & Bay.
15 Copy of the Ansons Victualling Bill.

These are in the Box apart:
16 Packet directed to the Honble President & Council at Fort William ℘ Warren.
17 Packet directed to Do. ℘ Britannia.
18 Packet directed to Do. ℘ Anson.
19 Packet directed to Do. ℘ Warren containing 150 Mutiny Acts.

Fort St. George 14th. Septr. 1754.

Joss. Du Pre
Secry.

No. 160.

To George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We dispatched the Dragon Sloop to you with Advice dated the 2d. and 6th. Instant, and now order the Anson Captain Veitch to touch at your Port to land a consignment of twenty five thousand Madrass Pagodas, whereof five are for your use, ten for Ingeram and ten for Madapollam, but the two latter are to remain in your custody untill the Gentlemen at those settlements demand them. We are sorry we have reason to believe that this sum with what we have already consigned you will be as large a Supply as you can employ you are therefore not to expect any further remittances from us in the Current year and accordingly you will reserve a sufficiency for Expences of the Settlement.

Vizaramrauze in a Letter to the President has earnestly requested Us to supply him with one hundred Barrells of Gunpowder, we accordingly consign that quantity to you and We leave it to your discretion to deliver it all at once to him or at different times as you may see most convenient on his paying for the same.

Admiral Watson in the Kent with the Salisbury and King Fisher Sloop are arrived at Fort St. David, three more Men of War are daily expected with the Kent and London India Men serving as Transports.

Captain Veitch's Orders are as soon as he has landed the Treasure consigned to you, to make the best of his way to Bengal.

Be mindfull to send Us your Books and Account Quick Stock in time.

We are

Fort St. George
the 14 Sepr. 1754.

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Charles Bourchier.

No. 161.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

We have consigned to the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam by the ship Anson Ten thousand Madrass Pagodas for the use of your Settlement, we have made such a disposition of what Treasure we have remaining that it will not be convenient for us to supply you with any more untill the arrival of the Shipping next Season and indeed the Accounts you have given Us of your Investment leave us no room to imagine you will stand in need of any further assistance, you will therefore set apart as much as may be necessary for the Current Expences of the Year.

Our last advised you of the arrival of the Britannia, Admiral Watson in his Majestys Ship Kent with the Salisbury and King Fisher Sloop have since anchored at Fort St. David three more men of war with the London and Kent India Men as Transports are daily expected, on board of all these Ships his Majesty has been graciously pleased to send near 900 Men for the protection of the Companys possession on this Coast, let not this have any Influence on your Conduct which you will still regulate by the Orders already given you.

Don't omit to send Us your Account Quick stock in due time.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE   SIR

THE 14 SEPR. 1754.   Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 162.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
AT BANDARMALANKA.

SIR

We promised you by the latter Ships a further supply of Cash and we have accordingly consigned to the Gentlemen at Vizagapatam by the Anson for the service of your Settlement ten thousand Madrass Pagodas, which is all we purpose sending you untill the arrival of next years shipping after setting apart a sufficient sum for the charges of the Settlement, if you can invest the remainder in good cloth we shall have no reason to complain.

His Majesty has been pleased to assist the Company with a squadron of five Men of War and a Sloop and near 900 Land Forces, Admiral Watson with three ships of the squadron and part of the Troops are arrived at Fort St. David we expect the rest every hour, this is not to have any Influence on your Conduct in which you will continue to be guided by the Instructions already sent you.

Let it not escape your memory to transmit us your Acct. of quick stock before our dispatch.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE   SIR

THE 14 SEPR. 1754.   Your Affectionate Friends

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

No. 163.

To Captain Robert Veitch
of Ship Anson.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet directed to George Pigot Esqr. Chief &ca. Council there and follow their Orders for the delivery of the Treasure and stores on board your Ship consigned to them which being done you are to proceed directly to the River of Bengal and deliver the accompanying Box Packet as directed, to the President and Council of Fort William whose orders you are thenceforth to follow. Dated in Fort St. George the 14 Sepr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 164.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy
Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have hitherto given the Deputy Governor alone such Instructions and Directions as we judged necessary for the reception and accommodation of his Majestys Forces and so far as those Orders have been carried into execution the Expences that have thereby arisen must be charged to the Company, As we were not till now furnished with any Orders for our Guidance, but from the receipt of this Letter whatever directions we have given heretofore are to cease and you are to govern yourselves by the Enclosed General Letter from our Honble Masters dated the 2d. March last, to which we add such further Instructions as appear to Us absolutely necessary.

You will observe by the Companys Orders that Admiral Watson and, Colonel Adlercron are to be allowed no more than five Pagodas ₰ day each for their Table and all Expences whatsoever, but there are no Appointments settled for Lieut. Col. Bagshaw and Major Sewell except that the Table to be kept by Col. Adlercron is said to be for himself and those two Gentlemen expressly, however as Lieut. Col. Bagshaw commands in Chief in the Absence of Col. Adlercron he must be allowed the five Pagodas ₰ day untill the Colonel arrives.

Altho' our Honble Masters have directed Us not to make any further Allowances than what are express'd in their Commands now transmitted you yet we conceive there are some particulars which are not mentioned merely because they did not occurr to their minds and which we therefore venture to supply.

Admiral Watson and Commodore Pocock are to be allowed Palankeens.

Colonel Adlercron, Lieut. Col. Bagshaw and Major Sewell are to have Palankeens and Horses when in the Field but not in Garrison.

And to the Chaplain to the Regiment you are to allow Eighteen pence ₰ day as an addition to his Pay.

Lieut. Col. Bagshaws request that the Forces may be furnished with Provisions after the manner of the Companys Troops when in the Field for at least fourteen days after their Arrival, is very reasonable and you will therefore comply with it, and that the Soldiery may afterwards with greater ease supply themselves you must give proper directions that a plentifull Buzar be kept at Cuddalore and let it be so regulated that the price of provisions be not enhanced.

The Regulation of the Quarters as well for the Officers as the private Men deserves attention Provide as far as in your power good and sufficient apartments for the former and prevent the encroachments complained of in the latter and that this may the more readily be effected let it be a branch of the Paymasters duty to concert with the commanding officer what is proper to be done and you are to see that it be executed accordingly.

With regard to furniture we imagine it would be impossible to procure any quantity under a very considerable time besides that we are not authorized to put the Company to any Expence on that Account, yet we should be glad if any of the Companys could be spared without great Inconvenience, that Col. Adlercron and the Chief officers were not left destitute of necessary Accommodation on their Arrival.

We recommend to you very strictly to observe the directions in the 10th., 11th., & 12th. Paragraphs for supplying the Squadron and Land Forces with money Stores &ca. adjusting the Accounts and taking Bills on the proper Officers and we also enclose you an Extract of another Letter for your Guidance in regard to Bills for money taken upon Account of the detachment of Artillery, we shall inform ourselves particularly of the value of the Weighty Dollar and write you fully on that head.

You are already directed that the Admiral is to be saluted with 15 Guns, the Commodore with 13, and Col. Adlercron with 13 to which we add that the Captains of the Kings Ships are to be saluted with Eleven Guns.

The Salute for Colonel Lawrence as Commander in Chief of all the Companys Forces in India is to be thirteen Guns.

Tho' we cannot justify giving you Orders for affording his Majestys Officers any better accommodation than what are herein directed, we persuade ourselves you will readily do whatever may be in your power to make every thing easy and agreable, and that they may be convinced of our good Intentions to give Satisfaction produce the Compys. Orders to the Admiral and Colonel and assure them on our part of the most sincere and hearty desire to promote Harmony and Content of which we flatter ourselves they will be convinced by our having taken upon us to exceed our orders.

The directions we gave Mr. Starke the 9th. Instant to hire Mr. Kiernanders house for Colonel Adlercron are still to subsist, we shall be concerned if he should have the same opinion of it as Lieut. Col. Bagshaw, but when we have provided the best in our power we can do no more.

Yours Letters of the 8th. & 10th. Instant shall be answered shortly.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 14 Sepr. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders

Alexr. Heron &ca. *Council.*

N°. 165.

To Richard Starke Esq^R^. Deputy
Governour &c^A^. Council of
Fort S^T^. David.

Gentlemen

The London Captain Richard Alwright being under Orders to touch first at your Port, fell to Leeward and put in here, as we judge it most convenient all the Kings Forces should be assembled at Fort S^t^. David We now dispatch her to you that the Stores and detachment on board may be landed and join those already with you. There are Eighty Tons of Iron on board this Ship, you may land such part of it as you have occasion for and advise Us of the quantity, when this is done if you have any Bales ready put them on board and return the Ship to Us, Captain Alwrights Orders are to follow your directions for his proceedings, As soon as the Kings Stores on board the Warren can be transported to the Britannia we shall dispatch the latter to you, which will probably be in two or three days.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort S^T^. George
the 18 Sep^R^. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Alex^R^. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^R^. Wynch.
Will^M^. Perceval.
John Smith.
Cha^S^. Bourchier.

N°. 166.

To Captain Richard Alwright
of Ship London.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort S^t^. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Deputy Governour and Council there and follow all such orders as you shall receive from them for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort S^T^. George the 18 September 1754.

Thomas Saunders &c^A^.
Council.

N°. 167.

To Richard Starke Esq^{R}. Deputy Governour &c^{A}.
Council of Fort S^{T}. David.

Gentlemen

We were in hopes that the last directions we gave you concerning the Tents would have been sufficient to convince you we were determined not to drop the subject without having a more satisfactory Account than you have given Us; if the Conicoply could not tell what Cooley was paid, surely the Taylor that made them or any other Taylor cannot be ignorant of it, we long ago directed that Vouchers should be kept for all Articles of this kind to be produced when called for, demand those for all the Tents made by M^{r}. S^{t}. Paul and from them state to Us the particulars of his Charges, 'tis in vain that we are explicit in our directions unless you are assiduous in executing them; We insist on your enquiring very strictly into this Affair and when you have done so give Us your Opinion upon it.

We have given you our Sentiments before very fully on the torn and damaged cloth, and are sorry you cannot give Us a more satisfactory account we shall only observe that it is very improbable the cloth could be torn after it was embaled, and it would be very unreasonable to turn it upon the Merchants hands, for after it has undergone the usual examination and is out of their Custody they are no longer chargeable, it would give Us great satisfaction to come at the real truth but if you who are on the spot where it happened cannot discover it 'tis improbable that we should here, at all events the Company must be indemnified, amongst the Companys standing orders we find the following—
" We hereby declare and direct that whatever Conicoply or other black Servant
" or white one if not under Covenants with us is employed by any of our Coven-
" ant Servants in looking after any Bullion Goods or Effects of ours or collect-
" ing the money for the Sale of them or assisting at their delivery or any
" otherwise accountable, such warehousekeeper shall be responsible for him
" and them, and therefore that he take sufficient Security for whomsoever he
" employs even tho' the President and Council should recommend him, we
" likewise order and direct that they never impose a Conicoply or other Person—
without such Servants consent in compliance therefore with this Order we do direct that your Export Warehousekeeper do pay to the Company the full amount of the said torn and damaged cloth which shall then be deliver'd here to whomsoever he shall appoint to receive it, and in case it shall at any time hereafter appear who was the real authors of the fraud satisfaction shall be procured from them.

We can neither supply you with fanams nor Copper Cash at present as soon as the Mint is disengaged we shall coin a quantity of the latter and send you a proportion.

You may give protection to all Deserters except the Danes with whom we have entered into an Agreement to the contrary on condition that such Deserters as shall be delivered up on either side be pardoned.

To such Lascars as are really disabled and incapable of getting their living you may grant pensions but gratuitys only, are to be given to all others as we before directed.

If upon examining the Articles of Lieut. Davis's Account with the Original Rolls and Vouchers you find them just he is certainly entitled to the Ballance and you will in such case pay it accordingly. After Capt. Chace's death at Pondicherry we are informed a sum of money was found amongst his Effects which we have reason to believe was part of a Ballance remaining in his hands of the Compys. money for payment of the Garrison at Trivady, enquire of Lieut. Davis whether he can give you any Information in this Affair and advise Us.

There certainly are some Grounds for Cootah's representations in regard to the weighing & measuring Duty, as the removal of the Presidency has doubtless occasion'd a decrease in the Importation of Grain, on this Consideration we consent that instead of four hundred pagodas ℔ Annm. the Annual Rent of that Farm be three hundred Pagodas from the date of the Cowle and you will settle with the Farmer accordingly, as to the several debts which he has mentioned in a List annexed to his Petition, let him draw out a particular account how they arise and when, which we shall then consider of.

We cannot take upon Us to decide or intermeddle with the private disputes of the Arrack Farmers in matter of property those who took the Farm of the Company must pay the Rent.

We have ordered the Bale of Musters you sent Us to be examined when that is done we shall give you our Opinion.

We have appointed Messrs. James Broadbent and Robert Dowsett to be Assistants at your Settlement they will both take their passage on the Britannia.

Tho' we have directed you to show all the Civilities in your power to his Majestys Officers and to promote Harmony and a good understanding with them you are at the same time not to acquiesce to any unreasonable request or proposals but remember that the Settlement of Fort St. David and its districts belong to the Company and are committed to your charge, the King Forces are therefore not to have any command there but are to be considered merely as Troops in quarters.

You are to supply Capt. Hislop with the Tumbrils &ca. he desires and any other Stores in the Compys. Godowns that may be really wanted for the Service.

We are

Fort St. George — Gentlemen

the 18 Sepr. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Alexr. Wynch.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 168.

To Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Winchelsea arrived here the 11th. and Captain Baron has delivered Us your Packet of the 26th. August, your favour of the 6th. June has also been received.

We shall give your Presidency due Credit for the Arms, pay & provisions supplied the detachments sent to our Assistance.

Our Letter of the 29th. July (which your Honrs. &ca. had not received when you wrote that we are now answering) will explain the case of the protested Bill, however it may not be amiss just to take notice that there is no Inconsistence in the Import Warehousekeepers endorsement, on referring to our Letter of the 14 June your Honour &ca. may observe that we only returned you a protest for non acceptance but kept the Bill here in order to demand payment at its falling due & advised you that if it was not duely discharged we should then return you both the Bill and another protest for want of payment, but the Bill was duely paid and the person on whom it was drawn to save his Credit Immediately dispatched a private pattamar with it regularly endorsed as being discharged, which reached you before our Advices of the 29th. July.

Sr. James Foulis's Services would have been extreamly acceptable if the Company had not sent us out Lieut. Col. Alexr. Heron as Major of this Garrison who will shortly take the Field, we have returned Sr. James Foulis our thanks for his readiness to serve the Company and acquainted him that we apprehend his presence at Bombay will be as material to the Companys Interest as his stay here considering our present situation.

We shall satisfie Captain Baron for the four puncheons of Beef and the diet of the two Europeans with Sr. James Foulis and debt your Presidency for the same.

Captain Baron has delivered us the Mace for the use of our Mayors Court, and we are to request your Honour &ca. will favour us with the other Ensigns of state as soon as they are finished.

Besides the several ships originally intended for this Coast and the Bay (which are all arrived) our Honble Masters have been under a necessity of sending Us the Kent London and Britannia to Transport a detachment of Troops which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to assist the Company with they have also ordered the Warren to touch here to land some of the stores intended for the use of that detachment and then to proceed round to you, that ship arrived here a few days ago and shall be dispatched to you as soon as the people are sufficiently refreshed.

His Majesty has also ordered a Squadron of Men of War consisting of five ships and a sloop for the protection of the Companys rights in these parts, they are under the Command of Admiral Watson who is already arrived in the Kent with the Salisbury and King Fisher Sloop, and the Companys Ships London and Britannia as Transports.

To fill up the Tonnage that will be vacant in the Warren after landing the Kings Stores here our Hon'ble Masters have directed Us to load on that Ship all such Woollen Goods as will not readily sell here and consign them to you if we apprehend they will go off more advantageously on your side, we have already acquainted your Honour &ca. Council we should be glad to be disburthened of a large quantity but as we have no Grounds to imagine you are in any Condition to take them off our Hands we shall wait your Answer to our Letter of the 19 July before we send you any.

Whilst the Protector was on this Coast we made use of her to transport sundry Stores to Fort St. David, the Gentlemen there wrote Us that a Bundle of Steel wt. 1. 1 was deficient of the Consignment, we called upon Capt. James in his return here to make it good but he assured Us that he had delivered the whole Consignment and that his Bill of Lading had been delivered up to him regularly endorsed We omitted to see that it was so but demanded the value of the Steel of the Storekr. there, who delares he is ready to make Oath that he never reced. the Steel and says that he endorsed the Bill of Loading in the presence of Capt. James's Chief Lieut. (who promised to deliver the Steel in case it should be afterwards found to the Storekr. here) and did particularly except the missing Bundle mentioning its weight, we are therefore to request

your Honour &c^a^. Council will call upon Capt. James to produce his Bill of Loading and if it appears endorsed as above, oblige him to make good the value of the Steel being Pagodas 4–24–60. (fa. c.)

We are

Fort S^T^. George — Honble Sir & Sirs

the 23^D^. Sep^R^. 1754. — Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Alex^R^. Heron.
Cha^S^. Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^R^. Wynch.
Will^M^. Perceval.
John Smith.
Cha^S^. Bourchier.

N°. 169.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^A^. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Winchelsea Capt. Baron being under Orders from Bombay to touch here gives Us an Opportunity to forward a Duplicate of our Address by the Anson with Copy of some other papers which went by that Ship as also two packets received from England one by the Norfolk the other by the London Capt. Alwright who imported here since the departure of the Anson.

We are

Fort S^T^. George — Hon'ble Sir & Sirs

the 19TH. Septem^R^. 175 — Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Alex^R^. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^R^. Wynch.
Will^M^. Perceval.
John Smith.
Cha^S^. Bourchier.

LIST of the PACKET to BENGAL ℔ WINCHELSEA.

No. 1 General Letter dated 19th. Sepr. 1754 ℔ Winchelsea.
2 Dup. Do. 14 Sepr. ℔ Anson.
3. Dup. Invoice of the Anson for Bengal.
4 Second Bill of Loading Do.
5 Extract of the Companys General Letter to Fort St. George dated 2d. March 1754.
6 Packet from England for the President & Council of Fort William received ℔ Norfolk.
7 Do. reced. ℔ London.

FORT ST. GEORGE THE 19TH. SEPR. 1754.

JOSS. DU PRE'
Secry.

No. 170.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The Naval and Military Stores by the Warren for the use of his Majestys Squadron and Forces being transported on board the Britannia we now dispatch that Ship to you, the vouchers for the several Articles are in the possession of the proper Officer who accompanys them and you are to have no other concern than to give the necessary assistance in Landing them, when that is done if you have any more Bales ready besides what you may send Us on the London put them on board the Britannia and dispatch her to Us.

Messrs. James Broadbent & Robert Dowsett whom we have stationed at your Settlement take their passage on the Britannia, they have each been paid ten Pagodas for their charges in removing, Diet for this Month and salary to the 25 Instant.

Captain Norways Orders are to follow your directions for his proceedings.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 19TH. SEPR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
ALEXR. HERON.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

N°. 171.

To CAPTIN NEVELL NORWAY
OF SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

You are hereby required to proceed on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Fort S^{t}. David where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to the Deputy Governour & Council there and follow their Orders for your future proceedings, DATED in FORT S^{T}. GEORGE the 23 September 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS &C^{A}.
Council.

N°. 172.

To RICHARD STARKE ESQ^{R}. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C^{A}.
COUNCIL OF FORT S^{T}. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

After a carefull Survey of the Bales of Musters you sent Us by the Britannia we are of opinion that the cloth is much inferior to what those sortments used to be and therefore we should be for rejecting it, if there was any probability of bringing the Merchants to better terms, but as you apprehend that to be impracticable at present, the only measure to be taken is to sort all your Cloth very strictly and reject what is inferiour to the usual Sortments, but keep all the turned out cloth in the Warehouse that in case we should find it absolutely necessary it may be resorted and taken in at an abatement.

The Amount of the deficiencys ℔ Admiral Vernon, Bombay Castle and Chesterfield which you mention in your Letter of the 20 Ult^{o}. must be paid into Cash, and you will advise us when it is done so.

M^{r}. Hopkins at Deve Cotah has represented to Us that a Cooper is absolutely necessary on that Establishm^{t}. if you can supply him send one as soon as possible.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Serv^{ts}.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 25 SEP^{R}. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
ALEX^{R}. HERON.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEX^{R}. WYNCH.
WILL^{M}. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.

No. 173.

To Richard Starke Esq[r]. Deputy
Governour &c[a]. Council of
Fort S[t]. David.

Gentlemen

We approve of your Intentions to dispatch the Kent to Us as soon as the Men and Stores are landed; let it be done as expeditiously as possible and send us what Bales you may have prepared by the first of the three ships Kent, London and Britannia which may be ready.

We cannot see why the Kings Officers should refuse to pay the charge of Boat and Cooley for landing the Stores, however such trifles shall never be a matter of contention therefore pay it, but keep a separate Account of all such charges which may be adjusted hereafter.

We defer replying to your Paragraph in regard to the Kings Forces commanding in Cuddalore as we hope to find some means of Conciliating that Point.

We are

Fort S[t]. George
the 27 Sep[r]. 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friend[s]. & Servants

Thomas Saunders.
Alex[r]. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex[r]. Wynch.
Will[m]. Perceval.
John Smith.
Cha[s]. Bourchier.

No. 174.

To Richard Starke Esq[r]. Deputy
Governour &c[a]. Council of
Fort S[t]. David.

Gentlemen

As we find it is without Effect that we press for Information in relation to M[r]. S[t]. Pauls Tents, we shall drop the subject for the present to resume it at a more leisure time, but we must observe that there has been a gross imposition tho' we cannot exactly ascertain how much which could not have happened had you done your duty, in strict Justice therefore you should be made accountable, for had M[r]. S[t]. Pauls Accounts been properly scrutinized into such an overcharge could not well have escaped you, we suspend our determination, but warn you that in future we shall call upon you to make good any frauds that may be discovered in the Accounts of your settlement after you have passed them as just.

If M[r]. Cooke was unacquainted with the Standing Order which makes the Chiefs of every employ answerable for their servants he is the more to blame. he ought, and had opportunitys enough to have known it, be that as it may, it is not in our power to break thro' our Honble Masters positive Commands, and therefore all the Employs at your Settlement as well as those at this Presidency, must be subject to that Order, if M[r]. Cooke does not chuse to continue in the management of the Export Warehouse on those terms, we must consider him as unworthy of it, You will on receipt of this require his immediate Answer

and if he declines the Employ we hereby suspend him from the Honble Companys Service, but whether he continues in it or not we insist on his taking the torn and damaged Cloth for his Amount paying the amount of it into Cash.

We shall supply you with what fanams we can procure by the first Opportunity.

The President will write to Admiral Watson in relation to the French Prisoners who are willing to enter in the service, if he will receive them on board his Majestys Ships they may be of service there and we shall be disburthened.

If you can possibly provide Sixteen Corge of blue Salampores ordinary to be sent Us by the first Conveyance give orders for it immediately, we are in want of that quantity for the West Coast therefore unless you can have them ready for Captain Burman whom we shall dispatch very shortly, they will be of no service.

We are

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

the 1st. October 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Thomas Saunders.
Alexr. Heron.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 175.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Governour &ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have Ordered Captain Alphonsus Glover Commander of the Warren to touch at your Port chiefly to give passage to Major Alexander Heron, Captain Charles Campbell Lieutenants Achilles Preston and Rodolph Wagner and Voluntier Michael Burk, by the same Opportunity we send you two Tumbrils which are all we can spare, and you will also receive a Chest containing two thousand Pagodas worth of fanams which we hope will be sufficient to answer your present demands, when these are all landed Capt. Glover has our Orders to make the best of his way to Bombay.

The Bills of Lading for all the Kings Stores by the Warren (except the Ordinance) being in the hands of some of his Majestys Officers at St. David could not be delivered up to Captain Glove when those Stores were transported on board the Britannia you will therefore assist him in procuring them from the proper officer, & in that case he is to deliver you Captain Norways receipt or Bill of Loading.

You may acquaint Lieut. Cudmore that agreable to his request he has our leave to return to Bengal.

We are

Fort St. George the 7th. October 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 176.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The Several Stores by the Warren being landed and the Commander informing us his Ships Company are sufficiently refreshed we shall this day deliver him his dispatches directing him to touch at St. David to land Major Heron and other Officers and then make the best of his way to you.

The Military Recruits from England by the Warren were intended for your Presidency nevertheless our Honble Masters have expressly given Us permission to detain them on this Establishment if our Affairs require it, we are sorry to say they do, and that a much larger number would be acceptable, we have therefore incorporated these with our own Companys.

In our last dated 19th. Sepr. (which went by Pattamar Duplicate whereof is enclosed) we acquainted your Honour &ca. that we could not accept of the services of Sr. James Foulis, we have since reflected that tho' at present we are in no want of Commanders, yet it is prudent to provide against the Worst. and in case of any Accident to Lieut. Col. Lawrence and Major Heron, Sr. James Foulis may be of great service to Us, we have therefore signified to him we should be glad he would continue on this Coast during the time he has permission of Absence from you, which he has consented to.

According to your desire we purchased and delivered to Captain Baron of the Winchelsea four Puncheons of Beef amounting to 186–23–37 (P. fa. Ca.) for which we have debted your Presidency.

The Norfolk Captain Pinson Benham is now under dispatch for Europe and we hope will be ready to sail before the end of the month but we are apprehensive we shall be under a necessity of filling up part of her Charter party Tonnage with Salt Petre for want of Bales, we have but little reason to imagine we shall be more successfull in our Investment against the January dispatch, half a ships Loading is the most we expect to supply, and half a Loading we hope will remain of Surplus pepper at the West Coast, this is but a poor help yet tis all the assistance we can give in dispatching home the Ships on hand, how much Tonnage the Gentlemen at the Bay may provide for we cannot say but at the best there must remain a heavy Burthen behind for after the Norfolks dispatch we reckon no loss than Eleven Ships to be provided for on this

side India Viz[t]. Colchester, Winchelsea, Egmont, Elizabeth, Montfort, York, Denham, Anson, Kent, London and Britannia, one of which will be stationed at the Negrais, and two of the latter we are directed to dispatch next season to China.

The Several Papers recd. from England by the Warren to be forwarded to you accompany this as well as a List of the Packet to which we refer and are

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
THE 7TH. OCTOBER 1754.

HOÑBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Serv[t].
THOMAS SAUNDERS &C[A].
Council.

We return you by this Ship a Deserter from your Artillery Company.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET TO BOMBAY ℔ WARREN.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 7th. October 1754.
2 Duplicate Gen[l]. Letter dated 19 Sept[r]. 1754.
3 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort S[t]. George by the Commander & Officers of the Warren.
4 Copy of the Warrens Charter party.
5 Copy of Captain Glovers Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
6 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped in England on board the Warren for Fort S[t]. George and Bombay.
7 Copy of the Warrens Victualling Bill.
8 Packet directed to the Hon'ble the President & Council at Bombay ℔ Warren.
9 Patterns of 1 Case of Broad Cloth for Bombay ℔ Warren.

JOS[S]. DU PRÉ
Secry.

FORT S[T]. GEORGE
7TH. OCT[R]. 1754.

N°. 177.

TO CAPTAIN ALPHONSUS GLOVER
OF SHIP WARREN.

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on board your Ship and proceed directly to Fort S[t]. David where you are to land the several Military Officers you have been ordered to receive on board, you will also deliver to the Deputy Governour and Council there the accompanying Packet directed to them and follow their Orders for landing the Tumbrils & Treasure laden on your Ship and Consigned to them, which being done you are to lose no time to make the best of your way to Bombay and on your Arrival deliver the Accompanying Packet as directed to the Hoñble the President and Council there whose Orders you are to follow for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT S[T]. GEORGE 7TH. OCT[R]. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS &C[A].
COUNCIL.

No. 178.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have been disappointed in our intentions of dispatching the Colchester this Month to Europe, we waited for her Arrival from Batavia as long as we thought it prudent and then set about unloading the Norfolk, by the time this was near compleated the Colchester Imported but the Norfolk having then taken in the Salt Petre and prepared every thing to receive the remainder of her Cargo we have judged it most adviseable to dispatch her to Europe and to send the Colchester down to you, and that she may be in no danger of losing her passage we do not even detain her to land the Timber & Plank brought from Batavia but consign the same to your Honour &ca. as ℔ Invoice and Bill of Loading enclosed, and this we are the rather induced to do as we observe by your favour of the 1st. September that Article may yield our Hon'ble Masters a Profit with you.

We hope your Honour &ca. will excuse Us for mentioning that we think it would be adviseable to dispatch the Colchester the first Ship directly to Europe because as she has been long in India and this is her last Voyage she may not be so capable of beating round the Cape in a late passage.

When we consider the heavy Tonnage to be disposed of on this side of India it adds greatly to the Concern which the bad success in our Investment occasions we apprehend we shall with difficulty be able to compleat the Norfolks Loading, and half a Ship in January is full as much as we flatter ourselves with the hopes of filling up this we acknowledge will go but a little way towards disburthening our Honble Masters of the Ships to be provided for but yet considering the distracted State of the whole coast we are not disappointed in our Expectations.

The Supra Vizors and Council at Fort Marlbro' acquaint Us that they should have 250 Tons of Surplus Pepper ready in January; tho' we have sundry Stores to send thither which the Prince George (now under dispatch) cannot take in yet as it may occasion some delay should the Ship to be sent thither touch here we are to request your Honour &ca. will dispatch one with so much Tonnage for Europe on board, as with the 250 Tons above mentioned may make up her full charter party Tonnage, directly to Fort Marlbro' as early as possible that her passage round the Cape may not be endangered, by the same Conveyance we are to desire your Honour &ca. will consign to John Pybus Esqr. Supra Vizor &ca. Council there the Stores we have already indented for to you and expressed to be for their use and also Eight hundred gallons of Lamp Oil in Jarrs if they are procurable because Duppers are subject to great wastage since we desired your Honour &ca. to provide for that market fifty Chests of Ophium. We have reason to believe a larger quantity may be disposed of to advantage and we therefore desire your Honour &ca. will provide Eighty instead of fifty and consign them on the same Ship directly to Marlbro as also two hundred and fifty Barrells of Gunpowder which are much wanted there, the Supra Vizors & Council write Us that they can be supplied with Grain much cheaper from Batavia than from hence or the Bay, we therefore apprehend it will not answer to fill up the remaining Tonnage with that Article.

Your Honour &ca. acquaint Us that you had given publick notice of our having prohibited the Trade in piece Goods to Bencoolen as well as Ophium to Natall, by which we apprehend our meaning is misunderstood with respect to both, the Importation of which is prohibited at all the Companys Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra, except as to the Piece Goods such as may be manifested from hence, and as to the Ophium such as we shall consign on the Companys Account.

As our Honble Masters have directed that in case we cannot dispatch home the Kent, London and Britannia this Season one or two of them are to be sent to China We propose dispatching one of them with a Cargo of Salt and other Stores from this place to the West Coast with Orders to proceed from thence to Canton and to be returned by the Supra Cargo's there directly to Europe, we have already proposed to your Honour &ca. the returning those three Ships to Us in January with Grain if you cannot better dispose of them, we have only to add that we shall depend on having one and shall provide a Cargo of Salt accordingly.

As your Honour &ca. advise Us you have a large Ballance of Gunpowder in Store, we should not be over stocked if you were to supply us with One thousand Barrells provided it be good, and you have that quantity over and above your own proper store.

By this Conveyance (the Colchester) your Honour &ca. will receive the Box Packet from our Hoñble Masters for your Presidency, we have been obliged to open it in order to take out the Norfolks Charterparty after which it was immediately sealed up again, the Necessity for this Step will speak for itself.

We have delivered to Captain Mainwaring seperately another Packet for the President of Fort William which we received from Captain Bonham directed to be destroyed in case of danger.

We have advanced Captain Mainwaring at different times Ten thousand five hundred Pagodas on charterparty Terms for the use of the Colchester and three thousand Pagodas for which we have taken from him a Sett of Bills of Exchange on his Owners, we mention this that your Honour &ca. may be apprized of the risque our Honble Masters already have on that Bottom.

The Kent will be dispatched in a day or two with part of the Norfolks Cargo, the rest shall be consigned you on the London & Britannia as soon as it can be put on board.

The Coral and other private Consignments ℔ Norfolk are shipped on the Colchester as by the Manifest and Bills of Lading enclosed.

We have received your favour by the Cuddalore and Ganges, the Box Packet for our Honble Masters by the former shall be forwarded ℔ Norfolk the other by the Ship to be dispatched in January.

Your Presidency shall have due Credit for the Amount of what supplied the Cuddalore Sloop.

We are

Fort St. George — Hoñble Sir & Sirs ,

the 12 Octr. 1754. — Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders &ca

Council.

P.S.—We have promised Capt. Bonham to request of your Honour &ca. that on delivery of the several private Consignmts. brought in the Norfolk & forwarded by the Colchester his Bills of Lading may be given up to you. Your Honour &ca. will please to demand the amount of the charges in transporting the private Consignmts. from the Norfolk to the Colchester as ℔ Bill.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ COLCHESTER.

Nº. 1 General Letter dated the 12 October 1754.
2 Invoice of Timber and Plank.
3 Bill of Loading for Dº.
4 Manifest of private Consignments transported from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
5 Bill of Loading for Dº.
6 Account Charges in transporting the private Consignments from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
7 Packet directed to the President of Fort William to be destroyed in case of danger ℔ Norfolk.
8 Box Packet from England ℔ Norfolk directed to the President & Council of Fort William.

(These two delivered separately.)

JOSˢ. DU PRE'
Secry.

FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE
12ᵀᴴ. OCTᴿ. 1754.

Nº. 179.

TO CAPTAIN ROGER MAINWARING
OF SHIP COLCHESTER.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal herewith you will receive a packet directed to the President and Council there ℔ Norfolk and a Letter for the Governour of Fort William directed to be destroyed in case of the Ship should be in danger of being taken by an Enemy, both which with the enclosed letter for the President and Council of Fort William you will deliver of your Arrival there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT Sᵀ. GEORGE the 12 October 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXᴿ. WYNCH.
WILLᴹ. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHASˢ. BOURCHIER.

Nº. 180.

TO THE HONᴮᴸᴱ ROGER DRAKE ESQᴿ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cᴬ. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONᴮᴸᴱ SIR & SIRS

We addressd you yesterday by the Colchester and now enclose a Duplicate with Invoice and Bill of Lading of such part of the Norfolks Cargo as has been put on board the Kent, the remainder shall be forwarded ℔ London and Britannia.

To save the trouble and Inconvenience of landing the Lead and Iron consigned to Us on the Kent we have continued it on board in part of what was consigned to you by the Norfolk, which may occasion a difference in the Tale of Barrs and Slabbs tho' the Weight may answer.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 13 OCTOBER 1754.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants
THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN SMITH.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ KENT.

No. 1 General Letter dated 13 October 1753.
2 Duplicate Do. dated 12 Do.
3 Invoice of such part of the Norfolk Cargo as is transported on board the Kent for Bengal.
4 Bill of Loading of Do.
5 Copy of the Kents Charterparty.
6 Copy of Capt. Wilsons Commission to unlicensed persons.
7 Copy of the Kent's Victualling Bill.
(these [5–7] to be sent with the ship if she should be returned to the Coast.)
8 Manifest of Goods licensed to be shipped in England on the Kent by the Commander & Officers for Coast & Bay.
9 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander and Officers of the Kent.
10 Packet directed to the President & Council of Fort William ℔ Kent.

JOS. DU PRE,
Secry.

FORT ST. GEORGE
13 OCTOBER 1754.

No. 181.

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE WILSON
OF SHIP KENT.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying packet to the President and Council there whose orders you are then to follow for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. GEORGE the 13 OCTOBER 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 182.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

A few days ago we dispatched the Colchester and Kent to you with part of the Norfolks Loading, & proposed to have sent you the remainder by the London and Britannia but the season growing late a detention of those ships might hazard their passage we therefore rather chuse to dispatch them without, and shall by some future Conveyance send you what remains of the Norfolks Cargo, for the same reason we have not landed the Lead intended for us on the Ship Britannia but consign it to your Honour &ca. as ℘ Invoice enclosed.

Fort St. George
the 16 October 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

List of the packet to Bengal ℘ Britannia.

No. 1 General Letter dated 16 October 1754.
2 Duplicate Do. 13 Do. ℘ Kent.
3 Invoice of Lead consigned to Bengal ℘ Britannia.
4 Bill of Loading of Do.
5 Abstract of the Kents Invoice for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for Do.
7 Duplicate of the Colchesters Invoice for Bengal.
8 Second Bill of Loading for Do.
9 Duplicate Manifest of Coral and private Consignments transported from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
10 Second Bill of Loading for Do.
11 Duplicate Account Charges in transporting Coral &ca. from the Norfolk to the Colchester.
12 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander and Officers of the Britannia.
13 Copy of the Britannia's Charterparty, to be returned with the Ship, if she should be sent back to the Coast.
16 Copy of Captain Norways Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
17 Companys Indulgence.
19 Manifest of licensed private Trade.
20 Copy of Britannia's victualling Bill.

Jos.s. Du Pré'
Secry.

Fort St. George
16 October 1754.

No. 183.

To Captain Nevell Norway
of Ship Britannia.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there whose Orders you are then to follow for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George 16 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 184.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your Honour &ca. will receive this by our Honble Masters Ship London on which we have consigned you the Iron and Lead intended for us by that ship as the season grows late and it may be hazardous to keep the ship to land it, the accompanying Invoice will shew what part of the Norfolk's Cargo we have laden on this Ship and the enclosed Duplicate will inform your Honour &ca. of our reasons for detaining the remainder at present.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 17 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

We are under a necessity of detaining 3 Casks containing Six Drums consigned to you by the Norfolk.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ LONDON.

No. 1 General Letter dated 17 October 1754.
2 Duplicate Do. 16 Do. ℔ Britannia.
3 Invoice of Sundries consigned to Bengal ℔ London.
4 Bill of Lading of Do.
5 Duplicate of the Britannia's Invoice for Bengal.
6 Second Bill of Loading for Do.
7 Account of Merchandize landed at Fort St. George by the Commander and Officers of the London.
15 Copy of the London's Charterparty.
16 Copy of Captain Alwrights Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
17 Companys Indulgence.
18 Manifest of private Trade licensed ℔ London.
19 Copy of the London Victualling Bill.

FORT ST. GEORGE
17 OCTOBER 1754.

JOS DU PRÉ'
Secry.

No. 185.

TO CAPTAIN RICHARD ALWRIGHT
OF SHIP LONDON.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to the River of Bengal and on your arrival at Fort William deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council there whose orders you are then to follow for your further proceedings. DATED in FORT ST. GEORGE the 17 OCTR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 186.

TO CHARLES ROBERT GODEHEU ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR OF
PONDICHERRY & TO THE
GENTLEMEN OF THE
COUNCIL THERE.

GENTLEMEN

The Officer and Men you mention in the Letter you did Us the Honour to write Us the 2d. Instant arrived here a few days ago with the Boat in which they made their escape, we are entirely of your Opinion that to encourage such Actions must tend to the Prejudice of our Ships as well as yours, but you must be very sensible Gentlemen that it is not usual to refuse protection to strangers who request it, these people have taken Refuge under our Flag, and therefore

it is not in our power consistently with Honour to deliver them up, indeed we cannot at present for they are gone to Bengal, but the Boat which we have secured shall be returned to whomsoever you may appoint to receive it.

We are

FORT St. GEORGE
THE 17 OCTOBER 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your most humble & most Obedt. Servts.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 187.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &CA.
COUNCIL AT FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

We have received your several Letters the last dated the 14 Instant.

After you had been so frequently acquainted of our Apprehensions that we should be distressed for Bales to compleat the Norfolk Tonnage, we cannot help being surprized that you should send us the Kent London & Britannia without any and write for our directions whether the Cloth should be sent us up brown, You will find by our Letters of the 18th. 23d. & 27th. Ultimo that we directed you to send by these Ships all the Bales you had ready without mentioning either brown or white but supposing we had given no directions at all the worst that could have happened by your sending Us your brown cloth would have been the curing it here in case it had not been wanted for the Norfolk, you have let the opportunity slip and now it is too late.

If Mr. Cooke will give Security to abide by the Company's determination we will comply with his request and refer the difference to their decision, and in that case the torn and damaged cloth shall be delivered to his Attorney on paying down the sum at which it shall be appraised or the whole shall be sold at Outcry for Mr. Cooke's Account, but if he should refuse to give such security you are then to demand of him payment of the full amount of the cloth as it stands charged to the Company.

We have appointed Mr. Charles Turner to supply the place in your Council which is to come vacant by the Suspension of Mr. Cooke you will appoint the most proper person to take charge of the Warehouses, Mr. Turner will proceed to you by the very first opportunity.

All your turned out Cloth must be kept in the warehouse as we before directed untill we are certain of a sufficient quantity of the proper sortments for the January dispatch.

By all means supply Captain Hislop with the Gunnies necessary to Shelter the people from the Inclemency of the weather, as to the Hospital, you did right in not granting one in Tenepatam, we see no reason why the sick may not be as well accommodated at Cuddalore and therefore you will give proper Orders for their reception there.

You have not yet sent us your Account Quick Stock, dispatch it to Us immediately.

We enclose you ten Dusticks and are

FORT ST. GEORGE
18 OCTOBER 1754.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 188.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We dispatched the Warren to you the 7th. Instant a Duplicate of our Address is enclosed, since when we have received the accompanying Packet from the Gentn. at Tellichery with a Letter dated the 29 June both which came to Us by a vessell from Deve Cotah, so that we cannot say by what accident they have been kept so long on the road.

Messrs. Walter, Collison and Nelly Supra Cargos at Mocha have drawn on Us for 24000 Spanish Dollrs. on the Honble Companys Account, which they say they were obliged to do because they could not meet with merchants whom it suited to take their Bills on you, Captain Finley of the Shirley advanced them that sum and we have duely honoured their draft, if an Opportunity should offer we shall draw on you for the amount.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 18 OCTOBER 1754.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHAS. BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 189.

To the Worshipfull John Pybus Esqr.
Supra Vizor &ca. Council at
Fort Marlbro'.

Worshipfull Sir & Sirs

Para. 1. By the Prince George, Prince Edward and Orange Tree Sloop we have reced Letters from the Supravizors and Council dated 12 Febry. 12 May, and 6 August and from the Supravizors, Seperate Advices dated the 12 Febry, 13 May and 6 August, containing a Summary of their Transactions and a state of the Companys Affairs under your Management on all which we shall now give you our Sentiments & directions with such other Advices as are proper for your future Conduct.

First concerning Shipping.

2. Our Honble Masters Ship Prince George Captain Edward Burman is now under dispatch to you with the several Consignments particularized in the Invoice We would have her returned to Us with all possible dispatch as we intend she shall make a second Trip to you, which if you are expeditious in unloading her and no unforeseen Accidt. should happen may very Easily be effected in good time for her to be back here again, proceed to the Bay to refit if necessary and return to receive our dispatches next October.

3. The late dispatch of the Dragon has been attended with the loss of her passage round the Cape, she was spoke with at Madagascar by one of the Ships arrived here from Europe, we plainly perceive that this will generally be the consequence if the ship destined to take in your Surplus Pepper should touch here in her way from the Bay for our Advices, to avoid that Hazard we have therefore wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to dispatch a Ship to you directly as early as possible that her passage home may not be endanger'd.

4. We have also desired them to send up a Ship early in January which we intend to dispatch to you with a Cargo of Salt, and then to proceed to Canton.

5. The Plan proposed by the Supravizors to the Court of Directors of sending a Ship to arrive with Us in March and to be dispatched directly from hence so as to be with you by the End of September to take in your Surplus Pepper might answer very well upon a supposition that we were in a Condition to put so much Tonnage on board there as with your Surplus might compleat her Charterparty Tonnage but that we neither are nor have any prospect of being able to effect during the Troubles on this Coast, as the Ship we fill up in January or February constantly clears our warehouses; the method we have now fallen on of sending you a Ship directly from the Bay in Decemr. or early in January will answer full as well provided she meet with no unusual delays on your Coast.

6. The Want of proper vessells or the Ill management of those you have must constantly lay you under great difficulties in transporting the pepper from the Subordinacys to Marlbro, the Ship from Europe may therefore continue to make her Trip to the Northward to take in the Pepper at Laye, Bental, Priamong, Ippoe and Moco Moco, return to Marlbro, receive what may be ready there, then to proceed to Manna Cawoor or Croee and be dispatched from thence to Europe.

7. We concur in opinion with the Supravizors that two Vessells of about fifty Tons and two or three Long boats may be serviceable if properly managed for bringing up pepper at other Seasons supplying the Subordinates with Stores &ca. and as we observe that one of your sloops is much out of Repair we shall endeavour to procure and send you one in her room as well as the Long boats but the Intent of supplying you with these Vessells will be in a great measure frustrated unless proper care be taken to keep them in good order and repair.

this we apprehend may be very well done at Marlbro when you are supplied with Timber and Plank from Batavia and Naval Stores from hence, the Unhealthyness of Poolo renders that place improper, and Billingbing is too much exposed, so that notwithstanding these places in respect to the commodiousness of the Harbours have greatly the Advantage of Marlbro upon the whole we think the latter has the preference, and when any such material repairs are necessary, as cannot be done there the vessells may then be sent to Batavia, but it will rest with you to see that such repairs are really wanted, and that the vessells are not sent to Batavia under pretence of repairing when the private Advantage of the Masters may be the point in View, they should constantly give receipts for all stores they are supplied with and account for all Deficiencys once in six months.

SECONDLY OF GOODS FROM EUROPE
FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, OR FROM ONE PART
OF INDIA TO ANOTHER.

8. You will receive the Prince George a part only of the several Stores you have indented for, The Taffities, Chints Calcutta, Gunney Bags, Oyl, Ophium and two hundred and fifty Barrells of Gunpowder, we have requested the Gent^{n}. at Bengal to consign to you on the Ship to be dispatched from thence for your Surplus pepper, such of the other stores for (which we hope will be the greatest part) as can be procured against January we shall forward to you on the ship we propose dispatching from hence.

9. Though you have Indented but for fifty Chests of Patna Ophium we desired the Gentlemen at the Bay to send you Eighty which we don't doubt will find an advantagious Sale.

10. The Bamboo Measure you sent Us having been tried with our Standard Measure we find that fourteen and an half Bamboo's make exactly one Parra. of 5 Mercalls and Eighty Paras being one Garce consequently eleven hundred and Sixty (1160) Bamboo's make one Garce, you will adjust the deficiency with Captain Burman (should any happen) agreable to this Calculation allowing him as is usual six ℘ Cent for unavoidable wastage.

11. The Iron now consigned to you and that we shall send in January is not in such Barrs as you mention, we have none of the kind but shall Indent to Europe particularly for a quantity to supply you with for the Trade to Natal.

12. As You have a plentifull Stock of Grain on hand and you acquaint Us you can procure it at a cheaper rate from Batavia than what it costs in these parts we have not desired the Gentlemen at the Bay to send you any by the Ship for your Surplus pepper and in future we shall be guided by your Advices whether or not to send you any supplies of Grain, you will therefore constantly acquaint Us at what rates that Article is procurable at Batavia that in case of a Scarcity there we may provide accordingly.

13. An Annual Supply of Timber & Plank may be brought to you from Batavia in the Store Ship sufficient we imagine to answer all your purposes unless it should be resolved to set about the New Buildings represented to be necessary; when the proper Means of procuring materials will also come under Consideration.

14. Our demand for Madeira Wine this season has been so large for the Army that we have not any remaining. We shall in future readily supply you when any can be spared.

15. The quantity of Salt we shall send you in January with what you will receive by the Prince George may probably exceed what you may write for; but as it is an Article much in demand we do not conceive it will be any burthen, be very particular in your Advices in this head.

16. Our Mint has been so much engaged in coining the Treasure from Europe for Begnal that we have not been able to set about the Coining of Fanams or Copper Cash but we hope by the January Ship to send you a supply.

17. The Musters of Arrack you sent us have been sold at Outcry and produced 36 Pagodas ℔ Leager whatever quantity of that Article and Sugar you have received from the Undertakers of those works may be consigned to Us by the Prince George.

18. Agreable to your request we send you twenty Coffree Men Slaves, the training them up as Artificers is what we much approve and strongly recommend as they may by that means become very Usefull in carrying on the buildings and works which must necessarily be erected at your Settlement.

19. We have paid the Owners of the Prince Edward Two hundred and thirty five Pagodas thirty two fanams & two cash for the three hundred Timbers which you landed from that ship you will therefore credit Account Current Fort St. George for that Sum, and we shall debt you accordingly.

20. The Supravizors in their Letter of the 12th. February tell Us you have 25 or 30 large Maracooley Timbers of 30 Feet long and 12 Inches Square which are particularly proper for Piles by not admitting the worm, As you will be in want of such Timbers when your Buildings are taken in hand we think you will do best to keep them.

21. In Garbling the pepper there appears to be a quantity of it seperated which is represented to be light and not fit to be sent to Europe, we don't find that it is any where accounted for, if it cannot be better disposed of let it be sent hither on the Companys Account, in your next Advices Explain this Affair to Us.

Thirdly touching Investments.

22. The first remark that occurs to Us under this head is that the decline of the Investment to the great Loss of the Company hath manifestly arisen from the want of Annual Surveys by Covenanted Servants, Moco Moco, Bantal & Ippoe are the only Districts that have their due Number of Vines, Cattown, Tallo, Croe are greatly deficient, and Laye, Sillebar & Marlbro districts seem to have been totally neglected, we cannot therefore too strongly insist on Annual Surveys being taken by Covenanted Servants, and upon those Surveys wherever it appears that the Inhabitants have been negligent the Dupattaies of the Dosoons should feel the Effects of a severe resentment, and on the other hand those who perform their Contracts should be rewarded and encouraged, a few presents on such Occasions bestowed on the most deserving may have a good Effect, by strictly adhering to these Rules it seems more than probable to Us the Investment may in due time be near doubled and as this must in a great measure depend on the Vigilance of the several Residents and those who make the Surveys you must observe annually to send Us the several Reports of them with a particular State of the Vines, their Increase or decrease since the last surveys and the cause thereof our Observations thereon we shall transmit to our Honble Masters and shall not fail therein to recommend to their favourable Notice such of their Servants who by their prudent management of the Districts committed to their Charge shall have made the greatest Progress in the Investment, the fatigue attending these Surveys we are sensible must be great, and certainly ought to be alleviated as much as possible, by the Assistance of one or more if necessary of the Military and a reasonable Allowance should be made for the charges attending it.

23. The receiving of pepper at the Subordinates only at stipulated time, was certainly a great discouragemt. to the Planters, the Orders made by the Supravizors, that the Residents be always ready to receive whatever quantitys the Planters may bring in is very proper & must be strictly observed, the planters must be paid in ready money and strict Justice done them in the weighg. and garbling the pepper.

24. The Supra Vizors Observations is very just that no certain time can be fixed for the renewal of Vines at all places alike, the situation and soil will doubtless bring some to Maturity much Sooner in one place than another it should therefore be recommended to the several Residents & those who take the Surveys to observe and be particular in their reports as to the growth of the Vines, and the Inhabitants should be obliged to renew them whenever there is a real occasion.

25. The more numerous the Inhabitants become the greater will be the prospect of an Increase in the Investment, we take due notice of the Supravizors observation that their [*sic*] are many Clans of Industrious people inhabiting the hills at the backs of all the Residencys, who by proper encouragement might be brought to settle on the Coast; We strongly recommend it to you to effect this if possible, a well timed liberallity may be a powerfull Inducement, the Example of a few properly encouraged and protected from the Tyrannical disposition of the Pangarans may tempt others to partake of the like benefits therefore you should have a watchfull Eye over the first who may accept the Invitation to settle with you.

FOURTHLY OF COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

26. We are the rather induced to flatter ourselves, the prudent Steps taken by the Supravizors for restoring the Investment will be attended with Success as the whole Country is at present in profound peace, to keep it so requires your Serious Attention, the troubles which it is apprehended may arise on the Sultan of Moco Moco's death, by a Competition of his Sons for the Government may probably be prevented by a timely interposition before the Spirit of War and Commotion shews itself on either Side.

27. The Sultan of Manam Caboo being the Prince of the Several Countries wherein the Companys Settlements are Situated, a friendly Correspondence should be kept up and a Good Understanding cultivated with him, if you are not possessed of proper Grants for the several Settlements watch a proper opportunity to solicit and obtain them from him.

28. The General & Council of Batavia not having returned any Answer before your last dispatches to the Supravizors Letter we are not sufficiently informed of the particulars of their claims to give a determinate Opinion thus far we can say that if the Dutch should not bring more substantial Proofs of their Right than those already offered we think our Claim and pretensions just and they are therefore in such case to be supported.

29. But though our Right to Natal should be ever so just and incontestable, yet the Conduct of the late Deputy Governour and Council is highly inexcuseable in daring under a specious pretence of extending the Companys Limits & encreasing their pepper Investment; to occupy this place at a great Expence purely to serve their private Interest & Support a Trade for private Emolument at their Masters Cost, this is very evidently the Case, since it has been more than once acknowledged that very little pepper is or can be procured there, indeed we are now told, and the Supravizors confirm it, that a Considerable Advantage may arise to the Company by reserving to themselves an exclusive Right to the Trade or Iron Salt and Ophium and levying a Custom on piece Goods Imported there, the Affair is now gone too far to be retracted, and therefore the Settlement must be continued. We shall endeavour constantly to supply you with the aforementioned Articles on the Companys Account, and on piece goods imported there by the Companys Servants (to whom alone the Trade in such Goods is reserved) a Duty must be levied of five ℔ Cent unless that Duty should have been paid before at Marlbro.

30. It has been thought that in order to encourage the Ophium Trade at Natal and exclude Foreigners from the Advantage of it, the most effectual means would be to vend the Companys there at an Advance of 50 ℔ Cent only on the

prime Cost, the reasons offered in support of this proposal are not of sufficient weight to Ballance those against it, the bad use that might be made of such a limitation is too obvious to need a remark, we can make this Regulation whenever we experience it to be necessary, but till we find it so we julge it best to sell the Companys Ophium for the most it will fetch; As the success of this Scheme will depend greatly on the faithfull Execution of it, your greatest Attention is requisite to see that the Companys property be not made subservient to private gain, at the same time we must observe that the benefits which may arise to private Traders by this Settlement we are of Opinion will have due weight with our Honble Masters in determining them to continue it provided it be made appear that the Advantages to be gained by the Company are equal to the Charge and Hazard of the Undertaking.

31. We have advised the Gentlemen at Bengal that the Importation of piece Goods at the Companys Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra is prohibited except such as may be manifested here and consigned to the Companys Servants there, and that the Trade in Ophium is entirely reserv'd to the Company, on receipt of this you will therefore give publick Notice at Marlbro and all the Subordinates that all piece Goods not Manifested shall be liable to Seizure and Confiscation, and that whosoever shall be detected in vending Ophium Iron or Salt (which are reserved to the Company) if a Covenanted Servant he shall be immediately suspended from the Service and if a person in the Seafaring or any other way he shall be deprived of his Employs & excluded from the priviledge of the Companys protection, which notice you are to execute with Rigour.

32. We shall remonstrate to the King of Acheen the Villany and barbarity of the people at Sinhell, and give him to understand that unless we are treated with that Friendship he professes, and that security to the persons and Effects of our Traders be assured in his Ports, we shall not be at a Loss to do ourselves ample Justice.

Fifthly of Fortifications, Buildings Repairs and Revenues.

33. We observe with Concern the decayed state of the Buildings at Marlbro' as well as the Several Subordinates, the restoring these or erecting New, is a work of such Consequence that we do not think it adviseable to proceed in it without the directions of our Honble Masters, We shall therefore referr it to them, and till we receive their Orders no new Buildings are to be undertaken but as there appears an absolute necessity for some temporary repairs such as cannot well be deferred may be made amongst which proper accommodations for the Companys Servants Civil and Military and the Storehouses seem unavoidable.

34. Instead of the rates of Dutys settled by the Supravizors we are of Opinion it would be better to put the Settlements on the West Coast of Sumatra on the same footing as at this place from the receipt of this Letter you will therefore observe as a fixed regulation and give proper notice accordingly that all Goods and Merchandize of what nature or kind soever (except only provisions & Necessarys for apparel imported by the Storeship which are exempt from any Tax) are to pay a Duty of five ₰ Cent on Importation which duty is to be computed upon the price Current of the several species of Merchandize at Marlbro that all Goods not manifested from this place or from one of the Companys Settlements on the West Coast to another be liable to Seizure and Confiscation two thirds thereof to the Use of the Company and one third to the person who shall detect any Goods clandestinely landed, that when any goods so manifested and imported shall be again exported they are to be manifested and a Certificate shall be granted by the proper Officer that such Goods have already paid the Companys Duty of 5 ₰ Cent which Manifest & Certificate shall exempt them from any further Duty at the Settlement where they may be landed.

35. The Supra Vizors remark that the Importation of Buggness, Java and such like Cloating had long been prohibited, but they are not able to trace from whence that prohibition took its rise, however they revoked it and substituted a duty of 15 ℔ Cent in Lieu which may be continued and you must advise Us whether any very considerable quantitys are imported under this new Regulation and how far it may affect the Trade in piece Goods from hence.

36. You represent the Arrack & Sugar Works to be in a flourishing Condition and with proper encouragement and Support may become very considerable we could wish you had extended your Observations and enquired a little further and informed Us what are the Advantages that our Honble Masters may probably reap from this Undertaking should it meet with the Success that may be reasonably expected the Managers will doubtless be amply rewarded for their Industry by the gain that must arise on the sale of their Manufacture, whilst the whole risque in bringing it to perfection is the Companys, by the Advances of cash that have and are proposed to be made for which they receive an Interest of ten ℔ Cent and are paid off in Arrack & Sugar, those Articles are generally sold at Batavia the former from forty to forty five Rix Dollars ℔ Leager of 150 Gallons, the latter at four and a half to five Rix Dollars ℔ Pecul at Marlbro' the Arrack is Invoiced at Sixty Spanish Dollars ℔ Leager of 160 Gallons and Sugar @ 5 ℔ pecul the Medium prices of these Articles here may be reckoned from 35 to 40 Pagodas ℔ Leager of Arrack, and from 13 to 15 Pagods. ℔ Candy of Sugar the profits arising from these Sales do not seem adiquate to the risque of the undertaking, let this be a subject for your future enquiry and give Us your sentiments minutely on this manufacture with respect to the Advantages that may accrue to the Company, the gain that may arise to the Undertaker and the benefits to the Settlement in general, in the mean time on the representation of the Supravizors we are for giving the work all the encouragement & therefore if you apprehend the Interest of ten ℔ Cent with which their debt is charged too heavy a Burthen for the Undertakers to bear it may be reduced to five, but then we expect you, will make it plainly appear the Company can be no losers; and that we may the better be enabled to Judge of the progress made in these works an Annual Account should be sent Us of the produce and an Account Current between the Company and the Contractors.

Sixthly of Factors, Writers Military Officers and their Accounts.

37. How far Mr. Hindleys Transactions with Mr. Hurlock may be construed a pecuniary Consideration we shall not now determine, but as Mr. Hindleys bad circumstances are alone sufficient to disqualify him for so weighty a charge as that of Government we approve of his dismission from the service, however as it does not appear to Us that he has been realy guilty of any intentional fraud in the management of the Companys Affairs, tho' most of the Abuses & Neglects that in his time have crept in may be charged on his remissness, and as he is become destitute of support by the surrender of his Affairs into the hands of Trustees we confirm the Allowce. made him of fifty Dollars ℔ Month untill our Honble Masters pleasure be known.

38. Tho' Mr. Coombe's Conduct in regard to the Contract between Mr. Hindley and Mr. Hurlock may justly expose him to Censure in his private character yet when considered as a Transaction regarding the publick it was his duty to acquaint the Company of it, it would indeed have been more conformable to their Orders had he immediately disclosed, it the Contract would then probably have been dropp'd and many personal reflections and Animosities avoided and therefore he seems so far blameable.

39. We think it highly necessary that the regulations made by the Supra Vizors should be carried into execution under the Eye of one of them at least and we do therefore confirm John Pybus Esqr. in that Station and till our Honble Masters directions be received, in regard to their Servants on the West

Coast, Mr. Combes's good Services and pretentions to the Succession will doubtless have due weight with them and it is therefore needless for Us to say anything on that subject.

40. Mr. Masseys Conduct was certainly highly blameable and we approve of the Supravizors confirming his Dismission, tho' precedent cannot be pleaded in excuse it may be admitted in some Cases as an Aleviation and particularly so in Mr. Masseys, who having delivered over his Effects to Trustees, to make good his deficiencys, an Allowce. of 30 Dollars ℔ Month for his present Support untill the Companys directions be received, is not unreasonable.

41. Mr. Daniel Tottie has presented to Us a Complaint of great Injustice done him in the Appointment of Mr. Darvall to the Residency of Manna, we do not find any objections made to Mr. Totties behaviour or Capacity but the chief reason for superceeding him seems to have been that Mr. Darvall had been before Assistant to the Resident the same reason then as Mr. Tottie observes might have supported his claim had he made one to the Residency of Moco Moco, but what surprizes Us still more is that when Mr. Darvalls Services were necessary at Marlbro to conduct the Secretarys employ upon an Emergency, he was at the same time continued in the Residency at Manna, Stations that cannot possibly be executed by one person since both require a Constant Attendance on the Spot. Mr. Tottie has since been admitted to a Seat at the Board, which is a Tacit acknowledgment that there are no Objections against him and therefore we cannot avoid condemning the proceedings with respect to that Gentlemen, we do not lay down this principle as a rule not to be broken, particular Merit and Capacity ought on some Occasions to be preferr'd but as Superiour Stations should in general be the reward of long services we shall expect that very just reaons be given for any deviation, for if partiallity be suffered to take place, what Security or Encouragement has Merit or Length of Service; on receipt of this you will therefore do Justice to Mr. Tottie or Assign better reasons than those already given.

42. As Captain Lieutenant Gabbet acted by Order of his superiours it would be a great hardship to make him refund the pay he received by their Authority it is not therefore to be demanded of him and we are so well satisfied with his behaviour that if our Honble Masters had not Ordered an Officer from St. Helena to fill the Vacancy we should think him entitled to it.

43. Jesiah Smith whom you tell Us you kept in prison being charged with the Murder of a Coffree Woman, must be sent to England.

44. We observe the Supra Vizors have appointed a Court under the denomination of a Court of Justice, consisting of the members of the Council or any three of them who are to decide all cases of property under the sum of two hundred Dollars leaving a Liberty of Appeal to the Deputy Governour and Council from the Judgement of that Court in Causes above fifty Dollars, this Court is also invested with a power to inflict punishments for petty Crimes & Misdemeanours, upon all which we must remark, that the erecting a Court of Judicature is of so serious a nature that without a legal Authority it ought not to be attempted, and it is very certain that neither you nor we have any; this New Court must therefore on receipt of this be abolished, but as it is necessary some means should be thought of to maintain good Order in the Community and to adjust disputes relating to property this power had better be lodged with the Supra Vizor or Deputy Governour and Council who in that Capacity may hear and determine petty crimes & inflict punishments, and in regard to property, the decision of such disputes between Europeans may be recommended to Arbitrators, and between the Natives, three of the head Men may be joined with the Supra Vizor or Deputy Governour and Council observing that in all Cases where Europeans may be concerned the English Laws are to be strictly adhered to.

SEVENTHLY OF ACCOUNTS.

45. The manner in which the Treasure from Europe appears to have been brought to Account is a glaring instance of the Negligence and irregularity which prevail'd at Marlbro', in future the Treasure should be counted in the presence of the Deputy Governour and Council and mention made in the Minutes of Consultation that it is done so.

46. The Supra Vizors did very right in ordering the deficiency of Copper Cash to be made good by the board. We observe the whole was not paid in care must be taken to collect it, and in future the Copper Cash must be put under the Charge of the Warehousekeeper a Head should be opened in his books for that purpose & Credited monthly for what delivered out as sold.

47. In the Sett of Consultations you have sent Us, the Cash Accounts for April May, June & July are not entered, a neglect that it is proper you should be made sensible of.

48. It appears that a Custom has prevailed of selling the Companys Stores to Inhabitants and others at so large an advance as forty ₱ Cent on the Companys price the Supra Vizors rightly judging this practice unjustifiable obliged Messrs. Gunn, Tottie & Idell to repay into Cash on that Account ₱ 391–1–96 but tho' it is equally evident that M^r^. Combes has dealt largely that way no demand was made on him which seems very extraordinary for he has nothing more to say in his justification than the other Gentlemen, to wit that he bought them on his own Account and sold them in the same manner to the Native, we cannot perceive the equity in excusing one more than another and therefore M^r^. Combes's Account must be adjusted in the same manner as the others, we must further remark that if the Storekeeper knowing the Company to be in want of any Articles buys them upon his own Account in order to sell them to the Company at an advanced price, & on the other hand if when he perceives any Articles in the Company's Storehouse are in demand to take them out in his own name in order to sell them at an advanced price leaving those that are likely to lay on hand, all this we say is a palpable abuse of the Companys Indulgence to their Servants to take out of the Storehouse at a moderate price what they may want for their own use.

49. In regard to the several deficiencys they appear to have been of so long standing, & so complicated that even the Supravizors could not trace them accurately and if they on the spot were at this difficulty 'tis impossible for us to determine on the Equity of their Orders in this respect, our Honble Masters with whom the final decision lies will give their directions on that head, one thing however is worthy remark, it is allowed by all that M^r^. Henry Coales was an honest assiduous Man and that the remains were not taken till 6 Months after his death consequently the Storehouse must have been in other hands for that time it therefore seems unjust to charge his Estate with any deficiency, but after it had been determined to charge it, we could have wished the compulsive means used to force a Bond out of the hands of his Executors had been omitted, it would have been better had the demand made on those Gentlemen and their refusal been submitted to our Honble Masters, the case shall be referred to them and therefore the Bond must be returned to M^r^. Coales's Executors.

50. The Reduction of Expences appears very considerable but above half of it comes under the head of Charges Garrison and Country Guard, the Garrisons at Marlborough Moco Moco, Manna and Natal appear full small for such an extent of Country, the Malays are remarkable for Treachery, we cannot therefore by any means think it adviseable under a notion of saving to expose those Settlements to any danger, and when it is considered that there are now but 29 Compys. Servants and the Supra Vizors represent 42 to be necessary the reduction in Expences upon the whole is for the greatest part only temporary. we would certainly on all occasions recommend economy and the lessening of

Expences but at the same time we must observe that the principal object should be the Increase of the Investment, which it is generally allowed might with proper management be at least doubled, the Advantages of such an Increase would give an ample Compensation for the Necessary Charges attending it.

51. A List of Adjustments shall be sent you in January.

SUPPLEMENT.

52. We must in Justice to the Supra Vizors acknowledge that they have gone through the Business of their Charge with spirit and Jugdement and in general to our satisfaction, but still the path is only marked out and it remains with you to see the several Regulations that have been made carried into Execution, we could have wished it had been possible for one of the Supra Vizors to have visited the several Subordinates, it would have given them a clear and extensive knowledge of what they have now only from Report it is a work that still continues necessary and we recommend it to Mr. Pybus when he can be spared from Marlbro' to visit such of them as his other Avocations will admit of.

53. We at first intended to have dispatched the Prince George directly to you but when we considered that by delivering the Salt at Natal the Charge & difficulty of transporting it thither from Marlbro will be saved we have ordered Captain Burman to touch first at Natal for that purpose and then proceed directly to you.

54. Messrs. Walsh and Vansittart having purchased a Parcell of Ophium for the West Coast before the prohibition was made public we have permitted them to consign it to their Correspondents as appears by the Manifest.

55. We have reimbursed Captain Burman the Charges of repairing the Marlbro Hoy at Batavia amounting to ₰ 355–23 or Pagodas 236 25 30 for which sum you will credit account Current Fort St. George.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE — WORSHIPFULL SIR & SIRS

THE 21ST. OCTR. 1754. — Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
ROBERT ORME.
ALEXANDER WYNCH.
WILLIAM PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHARLES BOURCHIER.

MANIFEST OF GOODS LICENSED BY THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE TO BE SHIPPED ON BOARD THE PRINCE GEORGE CAPTAIN EDWARD BURMAN FOR FORT MARLBRO' BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONS VIZT.

Marks and Numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
			By ALEXR. WYNCH ESQR. for MR. ROBT. SLOPER consign'd to Messrs. John Pybus and Roger Carter.								
P.C. No. 1 @ 30.	30	—	Containing VIZT.								
			Long Cloth Ordinary white.	16	10	521	—	—			
			Do. Blue 1/2 ꝑ 1/4 pieces	30	—	416	—	—			
			Sallampores Blue	20	—	430	—	—			
			Ditto White	20	—	330	—	—			
			Moorees Blue	4	—	120	—	—			
			Do. White	2	—	54	—	—			
			Handcherchiefs	6	—	156	—	—			
			Ditto Masulupatam ..	20	—	170	—	—			
			Cambays	10	—	155	—	—			
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces	15	—	300	—	—			
—	—	30	Bales amounting to ..	—	—	—	—	—	2,652	—	—
RC			BY CHAS. BOURCHIER ESQR. Consign'd to Mr. ROGER CARTER.								
No. 1 @ 11.	11	—	Long Cloth white	16	10	544	18	—			
			Long Cloth Blue 1st. Sort.	8	—	176	—	—			
14	1	—	Sallampores Blue	4	—	80	—	—			
15 @ 19	5	—	Long Cloth Blue 2d. Sort ..	19	—	342	—	—			
			Pulliacat Handcherchiefs.	5	—	110	—	—			
20	1	—	Do. Do. fine	—	3	10	—	—			
			Stockings	2	—	30	—	—			
			Cambrick	—	3	10	18	—			
21	1 Box.	—	Shoes	2	2	5	—	—			
			BENGAL GOODS VIZT.								
No. 1	1	—	Maulda Cossaes	4	—	180	—	—			
2	1	—	Basind Cossaes .. .. } Burron Cossaes .. .. }	4	—	150	—	—			
W FNo. 9.	1 Chest.	—	Taffities	8	—	320	—	—			
—	24	—	Bales & Chest amounting to	—	—	—	—	—	1,958	—	—
JMIG	—	—	BY CAPTAIN EDMUND MASKELYNE Consign'd to Captns. MORRISSET & GALBET.								
No. 1 @ 4	—	4	Military Cloathing ..	—	—	—	—	—	570	5	4
			BY MR. GEORGE STRATTON CONSIGN'D TO Mr. ALEXANDER GRAY.								
N . 1 @ 6	6	—	Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	12	—						
			Long Cloth 1/4 Pieces ..	6	—						
			Moorees blue	6	—						
			Pulliacat Cambays	5	—				768	—	—
			Bugguess Cambays	5	—						
			Coffree Handcherchiefs ..	10	—						
—	—	6									
		64	carriad over amounting to ..						5,948	5	4

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
		64	Brought over amounting to						5948	5	4
I P			By Messrs. Walsh & Vansittart Consign'd to John Pybus Esqr.								
No. 1 @ 28	28	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 Pieces.	40	—						
			Ditto Do. 1/4 Pieces.	40	—						
			Sallempores blue	30	—						
			Moorees blue	20	—	..		..	3300	—	—
			Bugguess Cambays ..	10	—						
			Beetellas blue	9	18						
			Long Cloth White	4	10						
—	—	28									
I C			By Walsh & Vansittart Consign'd to Thomas Combes Esqr.								
No. 1 @ 6	6	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Cambays Metchlepatam ..	8	—						
			Syrashes large	5	—						
			Ditto small	20	—						
			Battys	29	—						
			Handcherchiefs Metchlepatam.	12	—	..		..	1000	—	—
			Buggness Cambays ..	12	—						
			Tappies large	20	—						
			Tappies small	31	—						
—	—	6									
P.C.C.			By Walsh & Vansittart Consigned to Messrs. Pybus, Combes and								
1 @ 18 & 20 @ 23.	22	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	43	—						
			Do. 1/4 pieces.	14	—						
			Sallampores blue	10	10						
			Handcherchiefs Metchlepatam.	20	—	..		..	2550	—	—
			Buggness Cambays	10	—						
			Long Cloth Ordinary White.	6	—						
19, 20, 30, 31 & 37.	5	—	Chests Ophium.								
		27	Bales and Chests.								
B I			By Walsh & Vansittart Consigned to Messrs. Braham & Idell.								
1 @ 9.	9	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	12	—						
			Moores blue	3	—						
			Buggness Cumbays ..	10	—						
			Metchlepatam do. ..	5	—						
			Pulliacat do. ..	3	—						
			Metchlepatam Handcherchiefs.	4	—	..		..	1250	—	—
			Tappies Small	12	—						
			Long cloth Ordinary white.	3	—						
P.C.C. 41. 44. 46 & 47.	4	—	Chests Ophium.								
		125	Bales carried over amounting to						14048	5	4

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
		125	Brought over amounting to						14048	5	4
		13	Bales & Chests.								
R.P.			BY WALSH & VANSITTART CONSIGN'D TO Mr. RICHARD PRESTON.								
1 @ 4	—	4	Long Cloth blue 1/2 pieces.	16	—				400	—	—
E.P.			BY MR. THOS. PELLING CONSIGNED TO CAPTAIN EDWARD PERO.								
No. 1	1	—	Chest Coats 27 for the Train & a Drum.	27	—	41	—	—			
			Rollers Do. ..	27	—	1	—	—			
			Hatts	26	—	10	—	—			
			Stockings fine	—	2	40	—	—			
			Sundry Apparal for Women.			28	—	—			
	—	1	Chest Amounting to ..						120	—	—
H.A.			BY MR. WILLIAM BURTON CONSIGN'D TO HODGEE AMOT SUBADAR								
1	1	—	Containing Vizt.								
			Moorees blue	1	—	45	—	—			
			Handcherchiefs red ..	1	—	53	30	—			
			Ginghams	2	—	36	7	—			
			Cambays blue	2	—	56	—	—			
			Cambays red	2	—	68	—	—			
			Taffities	—	18	45	—	—			
			Moorees fine	—	8	20	—	—			
			Hummums	—	5	17	21	—			
			Chints red	—	6	12	25	—			
			Turbits	1	—	21	31	40			
									376	6	40
	—	1	Bale amounting to								
I B			BY MR. WILLIAM BURTON CONSIGN'D TO Mr. JOHN BROFF								
1 Bdle		..	Containing Vizt.								
			Ruffled Shirts	20	—	34	16	—			
			Plain	20	—	26	2	—			
			Taffitys	—	4	10	10	40			
			Izzarees	—	3	8	—	—			
			Long Cloth	—	1	7	21	—			
			Stockings	1½	—	21	—	—			
			Do. Childrens	½	—	2	10	40			
			Handcherchiefs	3	—	9	31	40			
		1	Bundle amounting to ..						119	19	0
			BY CAPTAIN EDWARD BURMAN FOR HIMSELF AND OFFICERS ON THEIR INDULGENCE.								
A	1	—	Moorees blue	6	—	108	—	—			
B	1	—	Pulliacat Cambays ..	6	—	132	—	—			
C	1	—	Blue Do. ..	6	—	60	—	—			
D	1	—	Coffree Handcherchiefs ..	10	—	80	—	—			
F	1	—	Mallay Chints	3	—	72	—	—			
			Syrashes Small	2	—	8	18	—			
			Norward Handcherchiefs ..	1	—	15	—	—			
—	2	—	Sallampores White ...	6	—	96	—	—			
—	145	—	Bales carried over amounting to						15063	31	4

Marks and numbers.	Bales.	Total Bales.		Corge.	Pieces.	Pags.	fa.	ca.	Pags.	fa.	ca.
		145	Brought over amounting to						15063	31	4
H	1	—	Moorees	—	15	15	—	—			
			Norward Handcherchiefs ..	1	—	12	—	—			
			Syrashes Small	3	—	12	27	—			
			Cambays	3	—	30	—	—			
DD	1	—	Cambays Metchlepatam ..	2	—	30	—	—			
			Ditto Buggness	1	10	22	—	—			
			Norward Handcherchiefs ..	1	10	15	—	—			
			Syrashes Small	1	10	6	—	—			
			White Moorees	—	15	15	—	—			
—	2	—	Sallampores blue	6	—	96	—	—			
EB 2 @ 15.	14	—	Long Cloth blue	50	—	1100	—	—			
16 @ 17.	2	—	Tappies Large	40	—	140	—	—			
18 @ 19.	2	—	Ditto Small	60	—	120	—	—			
E	1	—	Bundle qs. Buggness Cambays.	3	15	45	—	—			
K	1	—	D°. Tappies	13	—	29	9	—			
			Beetillas	1	—	12	—	—			
AN	1	—	D°. Norward Handcherchiefs.	1	10	15	—	—			
			Sallampores ..	1	10	24	—	—			
RW	1	—	D°. Norward Handcherchiefs.	1	10	15	—	—			
			Ginghams	1	5	14	—	—			
WB	1	—	D°. Syrashes	6	—	24	—	—			
			Moorees white ..	—	6	6	—	—			
			Dimity Chints ..	—	2	10	—	—			
			Necessarys			30	—	—			
—	—	34	Bales & Bundles amountingto						2409	18	—
			By Walsh & Van Sittart								
I P	—	—	Consign'd to John Pybus Esqr.								
N°. 1 @ 2	2	—	Hummums	11	—						
3	1	—	Burran Cossaes	9	3						
4	1 chest		Saffatys	9	7				1050	0	0
5	1	—	Patra Carpets	1	14						
6	1	—	Harricall Cossaes	1	18						
7	1	—	Mauldra Cossaes	5	19						
	7	—	Bales and Chest								
	186	—	Bales, Bundles, Chests &ca. amounting to Pagods.						18523	13	4

Joss. Du Pre'
Secretary.

Fort St. George
21st. October 1754.

List of the Packet to Fort Marlbro Pr. Prince George.

N°. 1 General Letter dated 21 October 1754.
2 Invoice the Prince George's Cargo.
3 Bills of lading for D°.
4 Manifest of private Consignments.

Joss. Du Pre'
Secretary.

Fort St. George
23 October 1754.

No. 190.

To the Resident for the time being
at Natal.

Sir

We have consigned to John Pybus Esqr. Supra Vizor &ca. Council of Fort Marlbro' by the Prince George Captain Edward Burman Thirty Garce of Salt in 1800 Bags. & four hundred Barrs of Iron Weighing 200 but as these Articles are chiefly intended for Sale at Natall we have directed Captain Burman to touch there to land such part as you may think Convenient, you will advise the Gentlemen at Fort Marlbro what may be so landed, and when Captain Burman has deliver'd the same you will give him Orders to proceed immediately to Fort Marlbro' from whence he is to be returned to Us directly, therefore give him all possible dispatch, You must observe to take an exact Account of whatever Merchandize may be landed at Natal from the Prince George and send the same to your Superiours at Fort Marlbro.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 21 October. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 191.

To Captain Edward Burman or the
Commander for the time being of
Ship Prince George.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your way to Natal on the West Coast of Sumatra where you are as expeditiously as possible to deliver such part of the Salt and Iron on board the Prince George as shall be demanded of you by the Resident there, to whom you will deliver the accompanying packet directed to him. You will then receive Orders from the said Resident to proceed directly to Fort Marlbro' where on your Arrival You will deliver the accompanying Packet directed to the Worshipfull John Pybus Esqr. Supra Vizor &ca. Council there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 21st. October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 192.

To Mr. William Ormston
Chief Mate of the Ship
Prince George.

Sir

Captain Burman being thro' Illness rendered incapable at present of proceeding the Voyage in the Prince George and as it is dangerous to detain the Ship at this Season, You are hereby required to take on you the Command of the said Ship and follow the Orders herewith delivered to you signed by the President and Council and directed "To Captain Edward Burman of Ship "Prince George or the Commander for the time being." Dated in Fort St. George the 23d. Octr. 1754.

Signed by Order of the President & Council

Joss. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 193.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We dispatch the Companys Sloop Dragon to you where she may remain till the dangerous Season is past and then be employed as occasion may require, you will receive by her two Chests of Medicines (as ℘ Invoice & Bill of Loading enclosed,) The Several Kings Stores mention'd in the accompanying Memorandum are laden on the same Vessell, the proper Officer must give you a receipt for them as our Military Storekeeper gave one to Captain Alwright of the London from which ship they were landed.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Fort St. George
the 24 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 194.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

In our Letter of the 18 Instant (a Duplicate whereof is enclosed) we advised your Honour &ca. that we had paid the Mocha Supra Cargo's draft on Us for 2400 ℘ at the rate of 88. 19 (Oz. dwts.) for 100 ℘ producing in our Mint Arcot Rupees 54475, as an Opportunity now offers to reimburse ourselves We have this day drawn on your Honour &ca. Council a Sett of Bill of Exchange for the said Sum of ARs. 54475 or (Ex. @ 2 ℘ Ct.) Bombay Rupees 53406–3–44 (qr. rs.) payable at 8 days sight to Davay Jaigustanbanjee or Order value of Gocaul Terwady, which we request your Honour &ca. will duely honour, we have debted & credited account Current London for the above sum.

Your Honour &ca. in your Letter of the 20 May advise Us that you had directed the Gentlemen at Surat to remit us a Lack of Rupees to be forwarded to Bengal, a few days ago we received from them a Bill for ARs. 1036–2–11 which has been paid and we shall forward the Amount to Bengal in due Season.

We hope in a few days to dispatch the Norfolk to England.

Fort St. George
the 24 October 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders
&ca. Council.

No. 195.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

There being no immediate Occasion for the Porto Bello Sloop at the Negrais where she has hitherto been employed we dispatch her to you and that she may not be detained at this late season we have consign'd to you the Timber &ca. she brought from thence, and are to request your Honour &ca. Council will return that Vessell to Us in January.

Fort St. George
the 26 October 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 196.

To Captain William Grierson of Sloop
Porto Bello.

Sir

You are herey required to repair on board the said sloop and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal and on your arrival there deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council whose Orders are to direct your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 26 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 197.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

We have received your Letter of the 5 Octr. by the Dragon and Hartop with the Bales sent Us on the latter which have been landed agreable to the Invoice. Some of the Cloth is very indifferently cured which makes it necessary to remind you to keep a strict Eye over your Washers.

As you represent it so necessary you have our permission to purchase the House mention'd for Pags. 300 be careful that the attentions you make be as convenient as possible for your Sick, and let the work be so well performed, as not to want that frequent repair most of your Buildings require.

We send you by this Conveyance a Serjeant with 7 Men of the Train of Artillery, which are all We can spare at present, and you have enclosed Invoice and Bill of Loading for the Stores now Consign'd to you. The Master of this Vessell must be paid Eight fanams a day for dieting each of the Men.

We depend on your greatest Care that the Merchants keep the Cloth up to the lengths you mention and hope as the Country about you is pretty quiet you will be able to make a Considerable Investment by the Month of January.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 28 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 198.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&c^a^. Council of Fort S^t^. David.

Gentlemen

In Answer to your Letter of the 21 Instant we must acquaint you that no paricular Employs are annexed to any paricular Stations in the Companys Service but every one should with readiness execute whatever is allotted to him. We are sorry you could not dispose of the Employs in your Council to the Satisfaction of the Members, we have endeavoured to do it for you, and shall be pleased to have every one Content that so, harmony subsisting, the Companys Affairs may be conducted with chearfullness.

M^r^. Hugh Norris 2^d^. in Council, is to be Export & Import Wareh^se^.k^r^. Accountant & Paymaster.

Robert Sloper 3^d^. Sea & Land Customer of Cuddalore Rental General & Scavenger.

Richard Fairfield 4th. Storekeeper, Military Storekeeper & Secretary.

Charles Turner 5th. Sea and Land Customer of Tevenopatam & Military Paymaster.

Acquaint M^r^. Cooke we shall agreable to his request defer the disposal of the torn and damaged Cloth till his Arrival here.

It is time your Book sending ultimo April 1754 were with us and yet we have not reced. those for 1753. We leave you to your own reflections on this neglect.

We shall by an Entry in our Books of this date debt you for the Ballances of the several Estates mentioned in your Account of Quick Stock, and you must therefore under the same date write off all those Accounts to Account Current, Fort S^t^. George, we must remark that in your Cash Account for March last the Estate of John Smith is credited for 88–1–48 and application has been made to Us that the said Sum may be wrote off to Account Current London, on recourse to your Quick Stock we do not find any such head on your Books, but there appears an Account for Joseph Smith, Explain this to Us.

Colonel Bagshaw has represented to Us that the unlimitted Sale of Arrack and Spirituous Liquors at Cuddalore is attended with very pernicious Consequences to his Majestys Troops, and requests that it may be regulated it is most reasonable and necessary it should and you will therefore oblige the Farmers of the Arrack &c^a^. to adhere strictly to the terms of their Cowle, wherein is particularly specified the Number and Situation of Houses where they are to vend Spirituous Liquors, and you are to license such a Number of Publick houses only, as many be necessary or convenient, a List of the Names of those whom you shall license to keep such houses, must be delivered to the Commander in Chief who will when he sees convenient order proper persons to examine whether the Liquors sold be genuine and upon any Complaint made to you by him of adulterated Liquors found there you are immediately to suppress such houses. Give Publick Notice of this regulation and if afterwards any person whatsoever not licensed be detected in vending Spirituous liquor let them be punished in an exemplary manner to deter others.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affecionate Friends & Serv^ts^.

Fort S^t^. George
the 31 October 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alex^r^. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 199.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By Order of the President and Council I enclose you two Bills of Exchange in your favour amounting to Twenty thousand (20000) Pagodas Vizt.

One drawn by Linga Chitty on Nauchuma Chitty at 15 days sight for	15000	— —
One drawn by Nella Chetty Cantakeron Sadasheva Chitty at 8 days sight ...	5000	— —
Pagodas ...	20000	— —

Fort St. George
the 5 Novr. 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient & most humble Servant
Joss. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 200.

To Mr. Henry Brooke
Chief of Negrais.

Sir

The Cuddalore Sloop arrived here the 8th. and the Porto Bello the 18 of Last Month, by them we have received your Letters of the 18th. August & 2d. September.

We wrote to the Gentlemen at Bengal to relieve the Egmont and they acquaint Us in Answer that they had appointed the Denham Captain Meard, to proceed on that Service and should send you a supply of provisions & refreshments.

As we observe you found the Arcot Snow on examining her bottom, sound and have now made her a tight and serviceable Vessell we do not imagine you have any Occasion or can find Employment for both the Cuddalore and Porto Bello Sloops, we have therefore sent the latter to Bengal to be repaired and return'd to Us in January, when if there should be occasion we shall dispatch her to you and not otherwise.

The Gentlemen at Bengal write Us that Timber and Plank may generally turn to good Account there, & desire we will give you directions to procure as large a quantity as possible to be forwarded them on the return of the Denham we suppose they will advise you particularly what kinds will Answer best, and you will comply with their Indents as far as possible.

We refer you to the accompanying Invoice for the particulars of what we now consign you by the Cuddalore, we do not mean the Treasure as a full supply, it will be sufficient we hope to answer your present demands, and we shall send you a further sum by the first good Conveyance that may offer in January, when you should also have a supply of Copper Cash, at present the Scarcity of that Coin prevents our furnishing you with any, but we have complied with your request for fanams and the quantity we send you will we imagine be very sufficient to answer your purposes.

We observe your Accounts are kept in Rups. Quarters and Reis, but are at a Loss to account for the reason, that Method is practiced at Bombay with which you have no connection, but at this place and Bengal, Rupees, Annaes and Pice are the usual denominations.

Mr. Knapton deserves Censure for not Complying with our directions when you signified them to him for taking a compleat Survey of the Island, nothing could be more material to Us in forming a Judgment of the place, for the principal settlement, however from what we learn by your descriptions, Mr. Taylors Accounts, and the drafts deliver'd us by Captain Grierson and Hammond we do not hesitate to pronounce the place where you now are, very improper for a settlement; the NE or more Northerly point seems to have the most advantagious situation for that purpose of any place upon the Island, and therefore unless any new and unforeseen difficultys should arise, we would have you remove to that spot, but if any obstacle should present that may seem material to you, in that case we leave it you to remove to any other part of the Island you may think best, in our Judgement the NW point is the properest if it cannot be effected at the NE but tho' this latter may want some advantages which are to be found at the former the goodness and safety of the Harbour at the NE by far outweighs them all. As our Opinions in this respect are but Speculative and your Observations do not amount to a sufficient degree of certainty, we would avoid putting our Honble Masters to any greater Expence than the Nature of the case may absolutely require and therefore wherever you may remove to, no other Fortifications or Buildings are to be erected than such as may be immediately necessary for your present defence against an Enemy, and to put yourselves under commodious shelter from the Inclemency of the Weather, untill time and experience have shown the Advantages and Inconveniencys of the spot you may chuse, make it your study to find out these and describe them to Us very particularly.

Coja Nicoos sailed from this place the latter end of July, we wrote you by him the 25th. of that Month and enclosed a Copy of the Articles which he gave Us reason to hope the King would accede to, another Copy of them accompanys this, it has since occurred to Us that the Court of Pegue jealous of the power of foreigners may insist on the exercise of their Laws at Persaim, should that point be started wave it if possible it will be a much properer time for us to discuss it when we are in actual Possession.

Notwithstanding the Advantages gained by the Burmurs and the tottering Condition of the Pegue Government we would have you embrace any favourable Opportunity that may present of concluding the abovementioned Articles with the latter but at the same time let your Friendship to them appear more from professions than Acts, that no Cause of Umbrage may be given the Burmurs, for in case of a revolution our attachments to their Enemies would not fail to be set up against Us, let the advantages turn on which side they may it must be your policy not to interfere directly or indirectly in the quarrell for as we have not a force sufficient to turn the Ballance on either side we should only shew our weakness by intermeddling, and create Enemys where perhaps we might have found friends.

We approve of your Ordering Mr. Henry Stringfellow to take charge of the Flag & Companys Effects at Syrian; as it is of no other Consequence than merely supportg. our right to the Factory there, he is not to have any Allowance or gratuity, the Title of Resident has been thought sufficient and perhaps may bring some advantages with it equal to the trouble, we have in our former Advices acquainted you & repeat that during the unsettled state of the Government no Money is to be laid out in repairs or Buildings either at Syrian or Persaim except such trifles as may be necessary for immediate shelter.

It is proper somebody should be at Persaim, if Captain Baker answers the purpose you may continue him or appoint such person as may best suit with the Circumstances of your Affairs.

We are very sensible an assistant is necessary at the Nagrais and we should have sent you one before, but that we have not a sufficient Number of Covenanted Servants to transact our own Affairs, since the receipt of your Advices we have endeavoured to procure a Monthly Writer but hitherto without Effect, if we can prevail on any to accept that service you shall have one in January.

We have appointed Mr. John Dyer an Ensign on the Negrais Establishment and he takes his passage on the Cuddalore with six Military, One Serjeant of Artillery and five men of the Train which is all we can spare, Lieut. Bilhock has our permission to return to the Coast if his health requires it, and in that Case Lieut. North will have the Command. We have no Artillery Officer to send you in the room of Mr. Knapton.

We are

Sir

Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 6th. Novr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

Since closing the foregoing Letter we have entertained Mr. Patrick Leslie as a Surgeon for the Negrais he proceeds on the Cuddalore, and has received an advance of thirty Pagodas for two Months Pay.

If it is convenient the Cuddalore may be dispatched to Us with Advices in January.

No. 201.

To Captain Nathaniel Hammond
of Sloop Cuddalore.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board the said Sloop and make the best of your way to the Island Negrais, where on your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying packet to Mr. Henry Brooke the Chief there and follow his Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 7th. November 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 202.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

It is represented to Us that three hundred draft and one hundred and thirty Carriage Bullock will be wanted to enable his Majestys Troops to take the field, you are therefore to use all the means in your power to have that Number in readiness as soon as possible, either by purchasing, hiring or contracting with proper persons at a certain rate ₱ day, and advise Us from time to time what progress you make in this business. We have appointed Mr. James Bourchier to act as Commissary for the Kings Forces when they take the Field, he will proceed to you by the first Opportunity and is to have the Bullocks under his Charge, you will therefore deliver them over to him from time to time as they are procured and he has our directions to have them trained.

Acquaint Captains Cosby and Beaver they have our permission to come up hither.

We are

Fort St. George
the 7th. Novemr. 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servts.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 203.

To the Honble Roger Drake Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We dispatch'd the Porto Bello Sloop to you the 26 October and requested that she might be return'd to Us in January, we have since reflected it may take up a considerable time to give that vessell the repair she stands in need of, which, unless the greatest diligence be used, may probably occasion her longer detention, and as we are apprehensive the critical situation of our Affairs may make it necessary to send our Honble Masters early Advices it would be very convenient to have the Porto Bello Sloop in readiness especially as we cannot say with any certainty how late it may be before we may be able to compleat the

Tonnage of the Ship We expect to fill up from you, we are therefore to request your Honour &ca. will be pleased to order the Porto Bello Sloop to be refitted with the utmost dispatch and return'd us as early as possible.

We are

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 22d. Novr. 1754

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 204.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council
at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

By the Hartop Snow we wrote you the 26 October and have since reced. your Letter of the 7 of that Month, the enclosed Duplicate will inform you of our directions by the Hartop to which we have only to add that we would have all your Bales dispatch'd to Us as early as possible that we may not be under a necessity of detaining the Ship to be dispatch'd from hence to Europe longer than the beginning of February.

You will forward the accompanying packet for the President & Council of Bengal in the most expeditous manner.

Fort St. George
the 22d. Novr. 1754.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

No. 205.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
Resident at Ingeram.

Sir

Your Letters of the 10th. 26th. & 29th. September and 12th. October are received, the George with your Bales arrived here the 10th. October. The difficulty in landing Goods at that Season of the Year cannot have escaped the Observation of any one, it can be done only in the Intervals of fair Weather which are not very frequent, and even then the surf is not always passable; under such Circumstances every means should be used in the Stowage of the Ship, that no Impediments might arrise on that Account, but there had been so little regard paid to this in the loading your Vessell that it was full three weeks before the Bales could be got ashore; we were in hopes our Observations

on your Cloth last Year, and the strict directions sent you this Season, would have had a better Effect, but so far has it been from producing any Amendment, that had we not been distressed for Bales to make up the Norfolks Tonnage, the greatest part of your Cloth must have been rejected; 'tis in vain to plead the troubles in the Country, the Effects of them have been felt at Vizagapatam as well as round you, and yet the Cloth from thence far surpasses yours, and so does that from Bandarmalanka tho' not so considerably; we forbear any further reflections on this subject, because what we have already said is sufficient to suggest to you what our Hoñble Masters Interest demands, if a very considerable Amendment should not appear.

Let all your Bales be sent up as early as possible that our Europe dispatch may not exceed the beginning of February.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends
Thomas Saunders &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 22d. Novr. 1754.

No. 206.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Bandarmalanka.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 3d. Sepr. and another in October, with the former came your Bales by the George Sloop the quantity was so small that we were in hopes to find a recompence in the quantity but the best we can say of your Cloth is, that you are obliged to our necessity for Bales, or a great part must have been rejected, we are always ready to make reasonable Allowances for the Circumstances of the times, the troubles in the Country may have effected your Investment but the Country round Vizagapatam suffered more, and yet the Cloth from thence is much better than yours; we expect a very considerable amendment in January, without which our Honble Masters will be losers by your Investment. Let all your Bales be sent up as early as possible, that our dispatches for Europe may be compleated by the beginning of February.

We are glad you have obtained from Raugarauze a Cowle for Bandarmalanka, we accept of it at the yearly Rent you mention of 1550 Pagodas, and if you have not yet obtained a Confirmation of it from Vizeramrauze continue to sollicit it.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 22d. Novr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 207.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr. &ca.
Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By Order of the President & Council this encloses remittances in your favour for fifty thousand Pags. in three Bills Vizt.

One drawn by Nella Cantaker upon Sudashy Chitty at 12 days sight for ...	20000 — —
One drawn by Linga Chitty upon Nauchuma Chitty at 12 days sight for ...	15000 — —
One drawn by Do. on Do. @ 15 days sight for	15000 — —
Pagodas ...	50000 — —

Fort St. George
the 27th. Novr. 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Servant
Joss. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 208.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

In Answer to what you write Us in your Letter of the 9th. Instant regarding your Investment we can only repeat the directions we have already given you, for if at this season you were absolutely to reject all the Cloth of an inferiour Sortment it might only serve as a pretence to the Merchants to plead the impossibility of getting better, therefore we think it much more adviseable to receive whatever they bring and after sorting it strictly keep in the Godown all that you turn out, and that the Merchants may not persist in bringing in such Cloth under the vain hopes that our necessity will oblige us to admit it at last, assure them from us that should it be convenient for Us to take in they may depend on it we shall make such an abatement as the quality of the Cloth demands.

It is very extraordinary that you should tell Us in the month of November Your Books ending April 1754 shall be compleated as soon as possible, if the Gentleman who had the Accountants Employ neglected it, he is not alone culpable, it is the duty of your board to see that the business of every branch is duely and properly executed, we insist on your sending Us the Books 1754 as soon as you have our directions or your profit and Loss Account, as to those for 1753 which you say are performed in so slovenly & incorrect a manner, acquaint Us by whom they were done, that proper Notice may be taken of him.

We shall acquaint you in our next of our sentiments on your Accounts of profit and Loss.

Our Secretary by our directions forwarded to you Bills last night for fifty thousand Pagodas and we shall shortly make you a further remittance.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 29TH. NOVR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGER LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
RORERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 209.

TO RICHARD STARKE ESQR. DEPUTY GOVR.
&CA. COUNCIL OF FORT ST. DAVID.

GENTLEMEN

The Accounts of Profit and Loss which you sent Us for our Approbation have been examined, there are a few Articles which require some explanation before we can consent to their being wrote off, as they appear large, The deficiency on Salt Petre is no less than Bengal Maunds 157–18 lb we should be informed by what accidents this was occasioned and on what quantity, in like manner you should have explained the cause of so considerable a Loss on Redwood as 44 Candys and upwards, acquaint Us also on what quantity of Rice the Company have sustained so large a loss as three Garce and how long that Grain has been in the Godowns. All the other Articles of your profit and Loss Account may be wrote off and we shall expect your immediate Answer to this Letter that you may have our directions & close your books out of hand.

We have put Lieut. Langford upon half pay which you are to observe and signify to him.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 3D. DECR. 1754.

THOMAS SAUNDERS.
GEORGE PIGOT.
STRINGERS LAWRENCE.
CHARLES BODDAM.
HENRY POWNEY.
RORERT ORME.
ALEXR. WYNCH.
WILLM. PERCEVAL.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.

No. 210.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

We have received your Letters of the 10th. and 15 Ultimo with the Books ending April 1753 on which we can make no Observations untill they have undergone a proper examination. In regard to the damages sustain'd by the late Rains and severe weather, you may prepare & send Us Estimates of the Charge that will attend the necessary Repairs that you may have our directions thereon, in the mean time you may set about repairing such of the building as are most in want of it.

We are
Sir
Your most Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 6th. Decemr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Rorert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 211.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

This accompanys a Duplicate of our last with a Packet for the President and Council of Fort William which we commit to your care to be dispatched. Your Letter of the 3d. Ultimo with the monthly papers are received, we have nothing at present to add to the directions already given you regarding your Investment the success of which being so very essential to our Hon'ble Masters Interest will we are persuaded excite all your attention.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 6th. Decembr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 212.

To Foss Westcott Esqr.
President at Ingeram.

Sir

This is to accompany a Duplicate of our last and to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 8th. Ultimo.

We are

Fort St. George
the 6th December 1754.

Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 213.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you the 22d. Ultimo by Pattamar, and now forward a Duplicate since the date of which we have received Advices from Tellicherry that the Hardwick and Warwick from England imported at Bombay the 28th. September and that the Prince Edward was also arrived there from Batavia, they acquaint Us likewise that they should have in Warehouse by the end of November two thousand Candies of Pepper of the old Crop and from the appearance of the new they make no doubt of being able to procure full five thousand Candies more.

We are

Fort St. George
the 6th. Decemr. 1754.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 214.

To Richard Starke Esq[r].
Deputy Governour &c[a]. Council
of Fort S[t]. David.

Gentlemen

I am Ordered by the President & Council to acquaint you that your Letter of the 8th. Instant is received and that M[r]. Cooke may be permitted to proceed to this Presidency whenever he thinks proper.

Fort S[t]. George
the 12th. Decem[r]. 1754.

I am
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient humble Serv[t].
Jos.[s]. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 215.

To the Hon'ble Richard Bourchier Esq[r].
President and Governour &c[a]. Council
of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have received your two Letters of the 16th. September & 9th. October, the last was forwarded from Tellicherry and did not arrive till the 9th. Instant.

The Information you have sent Us in relation to Coja Shaumir Sultan has enabled Us to state that Affair fully to our Honble Masters.

As your Honour &c[a]. acquaint Us you apprehend some difficulty will attend the disposal of the Woollen Goods you expect this season from Europe, We shall not send round to you any part of what we have on hand tho' it is likely to remain in our Warehouse a long time, it is with Concern we observe that the three Presidencys are now so overstocked with this Article that with the quantity which must be sent out annually there is reason to fear this branch of Trade will suffer from it greatly for some years to come.

We intended to have dispatched the Norfolk to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, but the Situation our Affairs with respect to the French being at such a Crisis as made it necessary to send the Company some particular Advices which we have been in daily hopes to do, we have detained that Ship in our Road till now but expect to dispatch her shortly.

As much may depend on our Military Strength, in case the state of your Forces will admit of sending Us a further supply of Men, we shall be obliged to your Honour &c[a]. for as many Europeans as you can spare, particularly of the Train, but no Topasses or Seapoys.

We omitted to acquaint you in our last that being in want of Officers we had detained Capt. Lee of your Establishment, who is now at Camp.

Fort S[t]. George
the 14th. Decem[r]. 1754.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
Thomas Saunders &c[a].
Council.

No. 216.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factors at
Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

We are to acknowledge the receipt of your Letters of the 29 June, 23 October and 3 November, the first did not arrive with Us till the 13th. October when we immediately forwarded the packet which accompanyed it to the President and Council of Bombay.

We are obliged to you for the advices regardg. the Pepper you have on hand and expect from the approaching Crop, which we have also communicated to the Gentlemen at Bengal.

Our Intentions were to have dispatch'd the Norfolk to England before the breaking up of the Monsoon, but the situation of our Affairs with the French rendring her detention necessary for sometime longer that we might give our Hon'ble Masters some particular Advices we have kept her here till now but hope shortly to dispatch her.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient Servants

Fort St. George
the 14th. Decemr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 217.

To Mr. Charles Hopkins
Chief of Deve Cotah.

Sir

In order properly to revise the Books you sent Us up ending 30 April 1753 it is necessary we should have all the Accounts relating to the settlement of Devecotah from its first Establishment to that time you will therefore send Us up directly all such as are in your possession.

As there is no further Employment for Mr. Dawson with you he may return hither.

We are
Sir
Your Affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
the 20th. Decemr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders &ca.
Council.

No. 218.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have perused Mr. Cookes Letter to you accounting for the cause of the several deficiencys of Rice Salt Petre and Redwood and they appear so far reasonable that they may be wrote off to Profit and Loss but we must observe that there has been a neglect in not taking an exact Account remains when Mr. Cooke entered on the charge of the Export Warehouse, and he was also to blame for not representing to you that the Redwood by being exposed on the open beach was liable to the losses he has now mention'd, you will see that Inconvenience remedied & observe in future that a regular Account remains be taken & delivered over with every Employ as we have heretofore directed.

The difference between the value of the Household Necessarys comprised in the List you sent Us some time ago and the value standing on your Books must be wrote off to profit and Loss.

Mr. Godehou has been wrote to in regard to the Stoppage of the Salem Cloth.

We are
Gentlemen
Your Affectionate Friends & Servants

Fort St. George
the 20th. Decr. 1754.

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 219.

To Richard Starke Esqr.
Deputy Governour &ca. Council
of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

We have found it expedient to make such an Addition to the pay and Allowances of his Majestys Officers and Troops as may put them upon the same footing with those of the Company the monthly charge of which may amount to about fourteen hundred Pagodas, you will therefore pay that Sum every month to Colonel Adlercron or Lieutenant Colonel Bagshaw, and if by deaths or otherwise it should be more than sufficient for that purpose the Overplus is to be accounted for.

Colonel Adlercron has complain'd to the President that Mr. Richard Fairfield had behaved in a very unbecoming manner before him and several other of his Majestys Officers by slighting their Service in terms which common prudence ought to have restrain'd, Mr. Fairfield is so much the more culpable as the publick service might have suffered from such insinuations, we cannot pass

over his Conduct without Censure, and the least Notice we can take of it is to insist that he wait on Colonel Adlercron & make him a proper acknowledgement for his Indiscretion, and you will acquaint Us when he has done so.

We are

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

the 25th. Decr. 1754.

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

No. 220.

To Richard Starke Esqr. Deputy Govr.
&ca. Council of Fort St. David.

Gentlemen

By Order of the President & Council I enclose you an Invoice of two Lacks of Rupees and twenty five thousand Pagodas laden on board his Majestys Ship Tyger & Consign'd to you for which you will be pleased to credit this Presidency.

I am

Fort St. George

Gentlemen

the 29th. Decemr. 1754.

Your most Obedient humble Servant,

Joss. Du Pre'
Secry.

No. 221.

To Mr. John Lewin Smith
Provisional Chief &ca. Council
of Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

In answer to your Paragraph relating to the New Nabob said to be appointed by Mr. De Bussy, we must inform you that according to the best Accounts we have been able to collect, Mr. De Bussy himself is no more than a Renter of the Rajahmundrum and Chikacull Countrys, and consequently can have no right to appoint a Nabob, you acted very right in avoiding any expressions in your Letter to Ibrahim Gordee that might be construed an Acknowledgement of his assumed Character, and you must proceed on the same plan, observing that a cautious behaviour is to be perferred to an absolute refusal of acknowl-

edging his Title or making him a Present, but if by insisting on them he should lay you under a necessity of declaring Openly, you are then to signify that you have not our permission to comply with his demand.

A Duplicate of our last accompanys this.

We are

Fort St. George, the 29th. Decemr. 1754.

Gentlemen

Your Affectionate Friends

Thomas Saunders.
George Pigot.
Stringer Lawrence.
Charles Boddam.
Henry Powney.
Robert Orme.
Alexr. Wynch.
Willm. Perceval.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.

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℔ Charles Smith.

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